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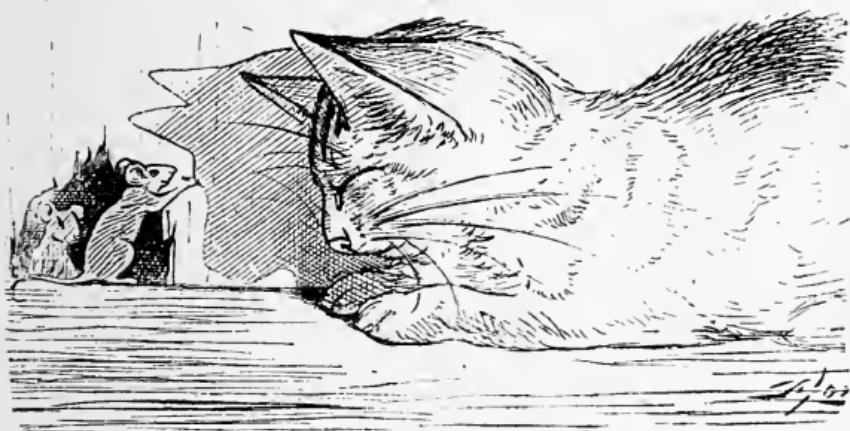
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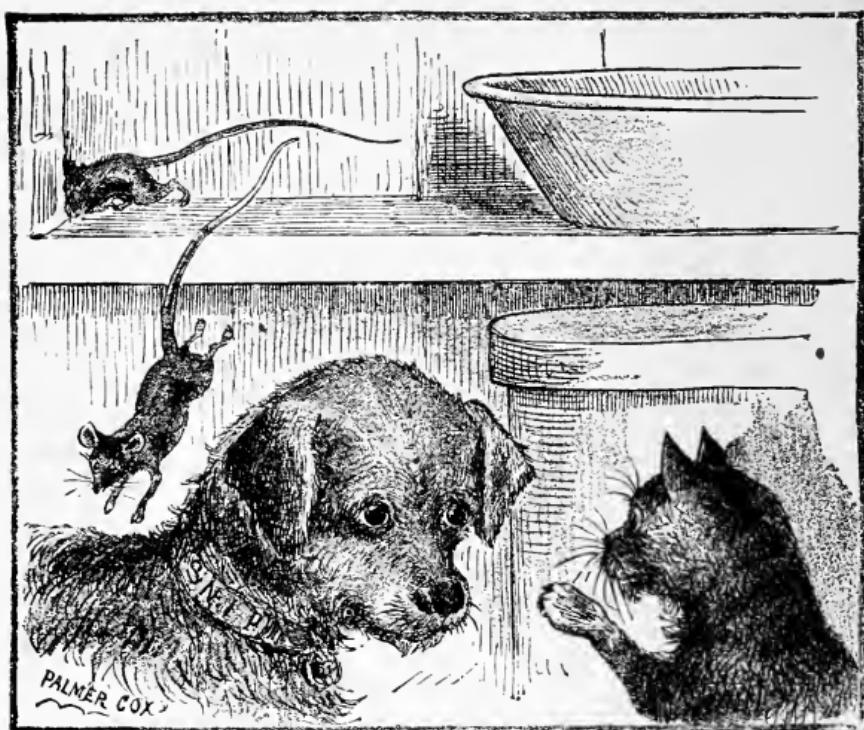
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a răt

I căn sēē

I can see a cat.

I can see a rat.



A căt a căt

A răt a răt

I

A dăg a dăg

A păn a păn

căn sēē

A dog can see.

A cat can see.

A rat can see a cat.

I can see a dog.

I can see a rat.

I can see a cat.

I can see a pan.

A cat can see a rat.

A dog can see a cat.

A rat can see a dog.

A cat can see a pan.

A dog can see a rat.

A rat can see a pan.

A rat can see a cat.

A cat can see a dog.

A dog can see a pan.



Māy

hăs

Căń yōū

nōt

căń nōt

Căń

yōū

the căt

The căt

căń

I can see May.

Can you see May?

May has a cat.

Can you see the cat?

I can see the cat.

Can May see the cat?

May can see the cat.

The cat can see May.

Can you see a rat?

I can not see a rat.

Can you see a pan?

I can not see a pan.

Can you see a dog?

I can not see a dog.

Can the cat see you?

The cat can not see you.

Can the cat see a dog?

The cat can not see a dog.

*The cat can not see a dog.*



See

cǎn rún

the dǒg

rǔn

I can see the dog.

Can you see the dog run?

I can see the dog run.

The rat can run.

The cat can run.

I can run. Can you run?

*See the dog run.*

## REVIEW.

I can see May.

May has a cat.

I can see the cat.

You can not see a pan.

Can you see May?

May can see you.

I can see the dog run.

The dog can see the cat.

I can see you run.

Can you see May run?

I can not see May run.

*Can you see a rat run?*

*I can not see a rat run.*



lōok      Něd      Lōok āt      cǎp  
āt      fīsh      the fīsh      ǒn

Look at Ned.

Ned has a cap on.

Ned has a dog.

See the dog look.

See Ned look.

I can look.

I can not see.

The dog can see.

I can see the cap.

See Ned fish.

I can not see the fish.

I can fish. Can you fish?

Can you see the fish?

The dog can see the fish.

Look at the cap.

I can see Ned.

I can see the dog.

I can not see the fish.

See Ned look at the fish.

Ned can look at the fish.

*Ned can see the fish.*



the hěns	feed
the ōld hěns	the little chick
hím	little

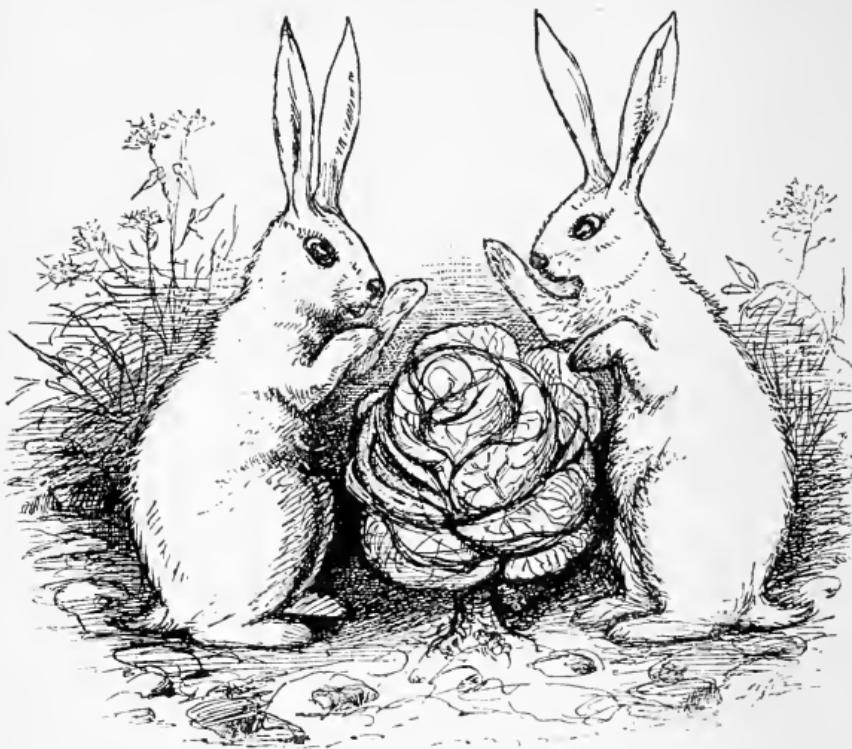
See Ned. See Ned look.

See the old hens.

See the old hens look.

The old hens look at Ned.  
Ned can feed the hens.  
Ned has a little chick.  
Look at the little chick.  
Can you see him?  
I can see the little chick.  
I can feed the hens.  
Can you feed the little  
chick?  
Ned can feed the little  
chick.  
Ned has a little dog.  
Ned can feed the dog.  
The hens can run.

*Ned can feed the hens.*



răbbits

prĕtty

two răbbits

ēat

I can see two rabbits.

Look at the two rabbits.

Ned has a rabbit.

May has a rabbit.

See the pretty rabbits.  
May I feed the pretty  
rabbits?

You may feed the pretty  
rabbits.

I can eat. A dog can eat.  
A cat can eat a rat.

See the pretty rabbits eat.  
Can May see the rabbits  
eat?

I can see the rabbits eat.  
May can not see the two  
pretty rabbits eat.

*The rabbits can eat.*

*See the rabbits eat.*



bīrd                    Nō                    pōor  
gět                    fly                    nō

The cat has a bird.

See the poor bird.

Can the bird fly?

No, the bird can not fly.

The old cat has the bird.

Can I get the pretty bird?

No, you can not get the  
pretty bird.

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SUPPLEMENT.

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**Primer Words, Page 4.**

a căt	I	păñ	yōū
căñ see	dăg	năt	the
Măy	răt	hăs	

**New Word.**

ănd

Can May see the rat?

The rat can not see May.

I can see the rat.

Can you see the rat?

Can May see a pan?

Can the cat see the dog?

The dog can not see the  
cat.

A pan can not see.

A dog can see.

A cat can see you.

A cat can see a rat.

The cat can not see the  
rat.

The rat can see the cat.

You can not see the dog.

See the dog and the cat.

The rat can see May.

The rat can see the dog  
and the cat.

You and I can see the  
dog.

I can see a pan, and a  
cat, and a rat, and a  
dog.

The dog can see the cat.

I can see a rat.

You can see a rat.

A pan can not see a cat.

Can a cat see a pan?

May and I can see you.

Can you see May?

A cat can see a dog.

**Primer Word, Page 6.**

rún

**New Words.**

bút      cătch

See the dog run.

The cat can run, and the  
rat can run.

The dog can run, but the  
pan can not run.

Run, dog! the cat has a  
rat!

The dog can not catch a  
rat.

The cat can catch a rat.

Can you catch the dog?

May and I can catch the  
dog.

I can catch the dog, but I  
can not catch the cat.

The dog can catch you,  
but you can not catch  
the dog.

The dog and the cat can  
catch the rat.

I can see a cat and a dog,  
but I can not see a  
rat; can you?

May can catch you.

I can catch May.

May and I can run.

The cat and the dog can  
run.

The cat can catch the  
rat, but the rat can  
not catch the cat.

The rat can run.

May and I can catch the  
dog.

The dog can catch May.

May has a dog. The dog  
has a rat.

The rat can not run.

The cat has a rat.

The cat can see a rat.

A rat can see a cat.

**Primer Words, Page 8.**

lōōk	ăt	Něd
fǐsh	ōn	căp

**New Words.**

äre	bridge	is
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Ned and the dog are on  
the bridge.

Ned can catch a fish.

Can you see Ned and the  
dog?

Look at the dog and Ned.

Ned can fish, but the dog  
can not.

The dog can see a fish,  
but Ned can not.

I can not see May and  
the cat.

The cat can catch fish.

You and I can catch fish,  
but the dog can not.

Is May on the bridge?

May is not on the bridge.

May and the cat are not  
on the bridge.

I can see Ned on the  
bridge.

Look at Ned. Ned is on  
the bridge.

I can not see a rat.

I can catch a rat.

Are the fish on the bridge?

The fish are not on the bridge.

The dog is on the bridge.  
The dog can not catch fish.

I can catch fish.

Can the fish see me?

The fish can see you and Ned.

You and Ned can not see the fish.

*Can the fish see me?  
I can not see a rat.*

**Primer Words, Page 10.**

him	hens	little
old	feed	chick

**New Words.**

an	he	they
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Ned has an old hen and  
a little chick.

He can feed the old hens  
and the little chick.

Can the old hens feed the  
little chick?

The old hens can feed the  
little chick.

Ned has a little dog and  
a cat.

See Ned look at the hens.  
He can feed the hens and  
the little chick.

Can he catch the little  
chick?

The little chick can run;  
Ned can not catch  
him.

See the old hens look at  
him.

Can the little chick see  
him?

I can see the little chick,  
but I can not see the  
dog. Can you?

May and the dog are on  
the bridge.

They can see the fish, but  
they can not see the  
hens.

The dog can catch the  
hens, and I can catch  
the hens.

Can the little chick run?  
The little chick can run,  
but I can catch him.

The little chick and the  
old hens are not on  
the bridge.

They can not catch fish.

**Primer Words, Page 12.**

răbbits two prëttý eat

**New Words.**

căbbagē dō fäst thẽm will  
I can see two pretty rabbits.

They can eat a cabbage.  
They will not eat a fish.  
The cat will eat a fish, but  
the rabbits will not.  
I can feed the rabbits, but  
I can not catch them.  
They can run fast, but  
the dog can catch  
them.

The rabbits are pretty,  
but I can not see  
them.

Do you not see the rabbits? I can see them eat.

They will not catch the little chick.

Hens and rabbits eat cabbage.

Dogs and cats do not eat cabbage.

May and I have two rabbits.

May has a dog and a cat.

May and the dog can not  
catch fish, but I can  
catch fish.

I can catch fish, but I can  
not catch the rabbits.

*I can see two pretty rabbits.*

*They can eat a cabbage.*

*They will not eat a fish.*

*May has a dog and a cat.*

*The cat will eat a fish, but  
the rabbits will not.*

*I can feed the rabbits, but I  
can not catch them.*

**Primer Words, Page 14.**

bīrd ḡet nō fly pōor

**New Words.**

caught m̄y yōur

The old cat has a pretty  
bird.

The bird can not fly. The  
cat will eat the bird.

Do you like the cat? No;  
the cat has caught the  
bird.

Will the cat catch my  
little chick?

No; he will not catch  
your little chick.

My little chick can run,  
and the cat can not  
catch him.

He can not fly, but he  
can run fast.

Will the rabbits catch  
birds?

No; the birds can fly,  
and rabbits do not eat  
birds.

My little chick can not  
fly. A fish can not fly.  
Rabbits can not fly.

Hens can fly, and they  
can run.

Will you catch my little  
chick?

I can not; he can run  
fast.

A cat will eat a bird, but  
a rabbit will not.

Will you feed my little  
rabbits? They will eat  
cabbage.

I will feed them, and I  
will feed my old hens  
and my little chick.

*No; the birds can fly, and  
rabbits do not eat birds.*

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## REVIEW.

Ned has two rabbits.

Ned can feed the rabbits.

Ned has a cap on.

The bird can fly.

I can not fly.

I can feed the old hens.

I can feed the little chick.

The cat can get a rat.

Can you get a rat?

No, I can not get a rat.

Look at the little chick.

The little chick can run.

*I can feed the bird.*

*Look at the old hens.*

döll      will      hē  
mȳ      cătch  
him



See the dog run.

I will catch him.

He has my doll.

Look at him.

See my poor doll.

I will get you, poor doll.

Ned, catch my dog.

See him catch the dog.  
See Ned get my doll.  
You can not eat my doll,  
    you old dog.  
Ned will get my doll.  
Catch him, Ned; he has  
    my doll.  
The cat will not eat my  
    doll.  
The dog will catch the  
    little chick.  
The little chick can run.  
My poor doll can not run.  
*Ned can catch the dog.*  
*See Ned get my doll.*



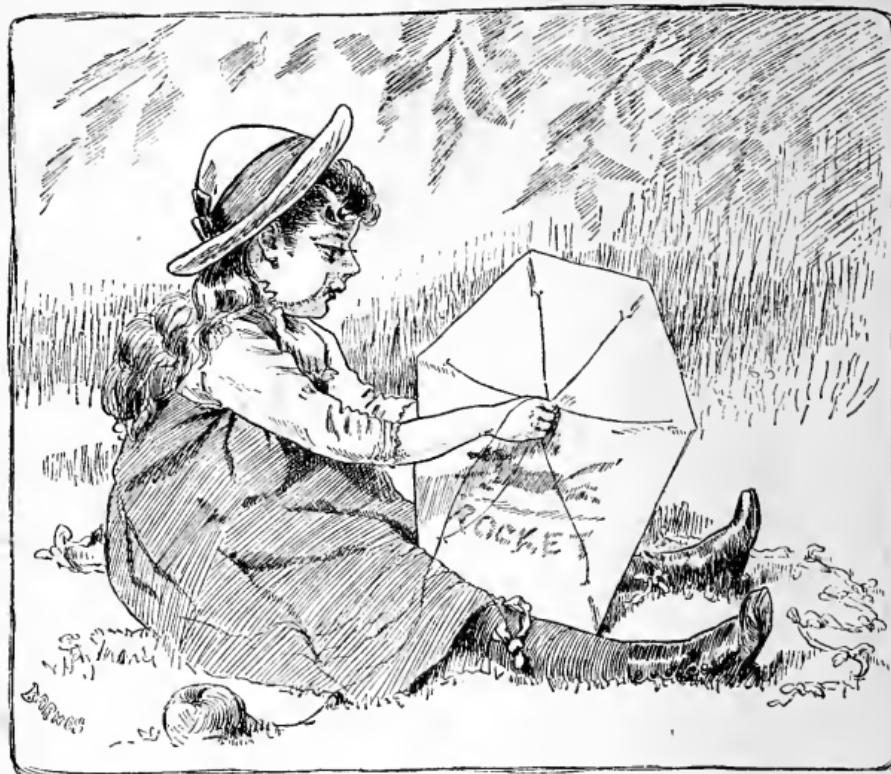
mamma  
g  t

could  
r  n

Mamma, see my poor doll.  
The old dog got it.

He ran. I ran.  
I could not catch him.  
Ned got him.  
I could not catch the dog.  
Could you see the dog,  
mamma?  
Could you see Ned run?  
Ned got my poor doll.  
The dog may not get my  
little doll.  
The dog may get the fish.  
The dog can eat the fish.  
The dog may not eat my  
poor little doll.

*Ned can catch the dog.*



Tōm Tōm's Whēre for  
kīte ball dīd mē

Look at little Tom.  
He has a kite.  
He has a ball.  
Look at Tom's kite.

Where did you get the kite, Tom ?

Mamma got it for me.

Can you fly the kite ?

No, Ned can fly my kite for me.

I can catch the ball.

I can see you, Tom.

Ned has two old hens.

Look at my pretty kite.

Can you fly my kite for me ?

Ned can fly my kite.

*I can see two tops.*

*I can not see Ned.*



kittÿ        your        th nk  
like        up        a tree

Look at my little kitty, Ned.  
I see the pretty kitty, May.  
May I feed it? I like a little kitty.  
You may feed my pretty kitty.  
My kitty can run up a tree.  
Can your dog run up a tree?  
No, my dog can not run up a tree.  
I will get my dog.  
I like your dog.

I like your kitty.

I will get a rat for your kitty.

Thank you, Ned. My kitty will  
like a rat.

Can your kitty catch a rat?

No, my little kitty can not catch  
a rat.

My old cat can catch a rat.

*My old cat can catch a rat.*

—•—

#### REVIEW.

Yēs      ōh      will

Mamma, see my little kitty.

Ned got a rat for my kitty.

My kitty did not eat the rat.

The old cat eat the rat.

Oh, look at Tom!

Where did you get the dog, Tom?

Ned got it for me.

May, will you feed my little dog?  
Yes, Tom, I will. Oh, see my old  
cat run!

He has a bird. Get the poor bird  
for me, mamma.

Ned will catch the cat. See the  
bird fly.

I like you, Ned. You got the little  
bird.

See the bird fly up a tree. The cat  
will not eat the bird. I like the  
pretty bird.

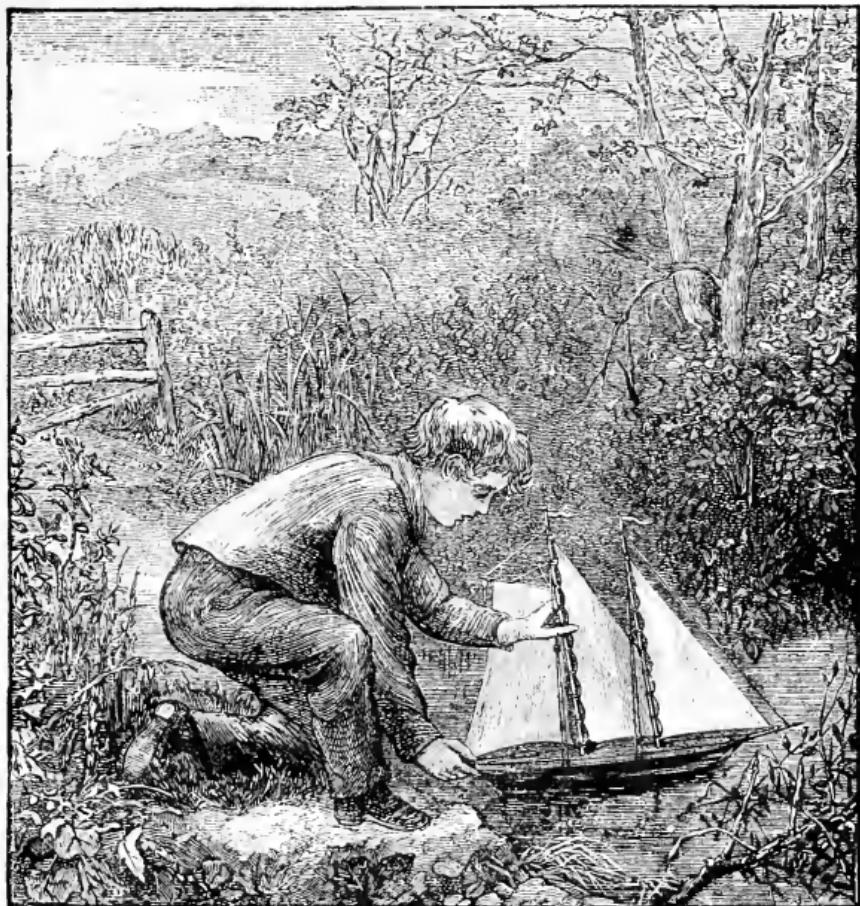
Thank you, Ned.

Mamma, did you see Ned get the  
bird?

Yes, May, I did.

*Ned will catch the cat.*

*See the bird fly up a tree.*



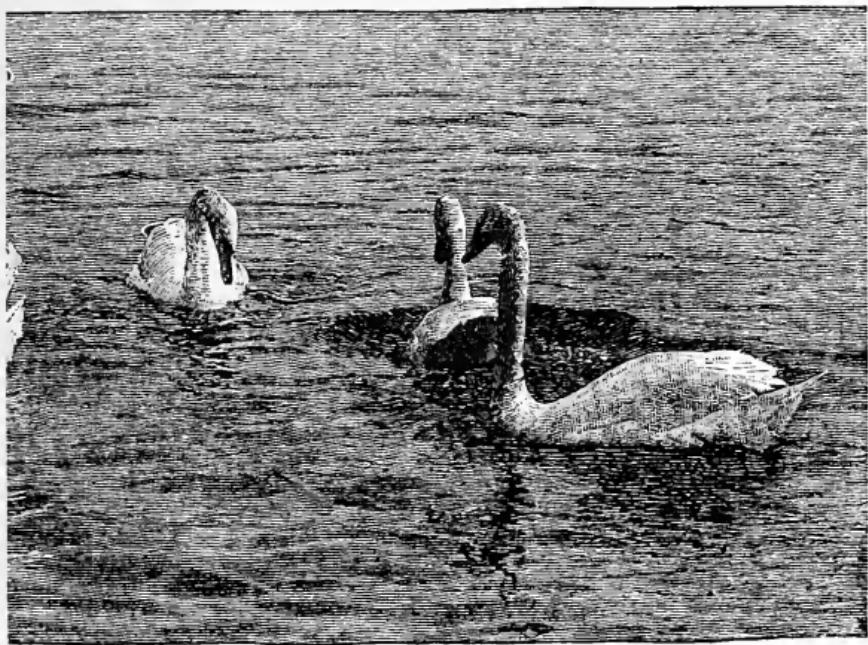
Jōhn                      boy                      īs  
bīg                      shīp                      sāil

John is a big boy. He has a pretty  
ship.

Can you sail the ship, John?  
Yes, I can sail my ship.

My ship is a little ship.  
May I sail your ship, John?  
Yes, Ned, you may sail it.  
See me sail the ship.  
I like to sail it.  
Oh, John, look at my dog!  
He will get the ship!  
See him run for it! Look at May!  
Where did you get the pretty ship,  
John?  
Tom got it for me. Tom is a little  
boy.  
He can not sail it. Could I sail it?  
Yes, May, you may sail it.  
I like to see you sail it, John.

*May I sail your ship, John?  
Yes, May, you may sail it.  
I like to see you sail it.*



They                    water                    swans  
are                    them                    swim

Oh, mamma, see the pretty birds!

Yes, Tom; they are swans.

See them swim. I like the pretty  
swans.

Can they fly, mamma?

They can fly a little. They swim.

May I feed the swans?

Yes. See them swim to you.

They sail like a ship.

They are big birds.

They are pretty.

Could I catch them?

No, Tom, you could not catch  
them.

You may feed them.

They will swim to you.

*Mamma, see the pretty birds.*

*I like the pretty swans.*

*has*      has      h ă s

*cat*      cat      c ă t

*rat*      rat      r ă t

*pan*      pan      p ă n

**Primer Word, Page 16.**doll**New Words.**for with me it

Can you get my doll for  
me?

Ned will get it for you.

The doll is on my cap.

No; my dog has your doll,  
and I can not get it.

See him run! He will eat  
my poor doll.

No; he will not eat the  
doll, but he will run  
with it.

Will you catch him and  
get my doll?

I can not catch him; he  
will run.

He is not my dog; my  
dog is on the bridge.

My cat will not get my  
doll.

Ned has a pretty dog and  
a pretty cat.

The cat has a poor little  
bird, and the dog has  
my poor little doll.

The rabbits will not get  
my doll.

Will you look at my doll,  
and get it for me?

The dog has it, and he  
will eat it.

My doll can not run, but  
the rabbits will not  
get it.

The old cat caught a bird  
— a poor little bird.

The poor bird can not fly.  
Poor little bird! It is a  
pretty bird.

The bird can fly, but the  
cat has caught it.

Will the cat eat the bird?

Will the cat catch my  
little chick?

No; your little chick can  
run, and the cat will  
not catch it.

My little chick can run,  
but it can not fly.

I can see the cat and the  
bird.

You can not eat my doll,  
old cat!

*The doll is on my cap.*

*Will the cat eat the bird?*

*The poor bird can not fly.*

**Primer Words, Page 18.**

mammä gōt could rān

**New Words.**

áfter swim cōme yēs

The dog got my doll, and  
I could not catch him.

Mamma, can you get my  
doll for me?

Yes, May, I will get your  
doll for you.

The dog ran after me, but  
he could not get me.

My poor little doll could  
not run, and the dog  
got it.

Will the dog catch a  
bird?

No; he will run after the  
cat. He will not catch  
the bird.

Ned and May will come  
and see me.

Will you come and see  
my doll?

My doll can not fly. A  
bird can fly.

A bird can fly, and a fish  
can swim.

A cat can swim, but it  
can not swim fast.

My little chick can not swim. The old hens can not swim. The pretty rabbits can not swim.

The old rabbits can feed the little rabbits.

The little rabbits eat cabbage.

My mamma has an old hen.

The old hen can eat cabbage.

The old hen can feed the little chick.

I can feed the little chick  
and the old hen.

Come and see the little  
chick eat cabbage.

Yes; I will come after I  
feed my rabbit.

The dog ran after my  
rabbit, but he could  
not catch him.

*Will the dog catch a bird?*

*The little rabbits eat cabbage.*

*The old hen can eat cabbage.*

*Come and see the little chick  
eat cabbage.*

**Primer Words, Page 20.**

Tōm kīte bāll whēre dīd

**New Words.**

frōm hīs pāpā

Tom has a kite and a  
ball.

I can see them. Can you  
see Tom's kite?

Where did Tom get the  
kite?

He got it from his papa.

Will Tom fly his kite?

He can not fly his kite.

His papa will fly it  
for him.

Did his papa get his ball  
for him?

Yes; he got the ball and  
the kite for Tom.

Tom has a dog, and a cat,  
and a kite.

Could Tom fly his kite  
on the bridge?

Yes; Tom and his papa  
could fly the kite on  
the bridge.

Two pretty rabbits ran  
after my little chick.

They did not catch my  
little chick.

A dog can not fly a kite.

A dog can run and  
catch rabbits.

Rabbits can run, but a  
dog can catch them.

A dog caught a rabbit,  
but he did not eat it.

*Tom has a kite and a ball.*

*He got them from his papa.*

*Will Tom fly his kite?*

*Tom has a dog, and a cat,  
and a kite.*

*Rabbits can run, but a dog  
can catch them.*

**Primer Words, Page 22.**

kitty      like      thank  
on          up          tree

**New Words.**

have      spoon      bowl

Ned and May have a pretty kitty.  
They can feed the kitty.  
May has a spoon, and Ned has a  
bowl.

Do you like to feed the kitty?  
May can feed the kitty with a  
spoon.

The little kitty can not run fast.  
It can run up a tree. The dog can-  
not run up a tree.

My mamma has an old cat; I have  
a pretty little kitty.

Ned has a dog and a cat. The cat  
can catch fish.

My kitty can not catch fish.

Do you see Ned and May?  
What will May do with the spoon?  
She will feed the kitty with the  
spoon.

Where did May get the kitty?  
Her mamma and her papa got it  
for her.

Ned's dog will not catch the little  
kitty.

It is a pretty kitty. I like a pretty  
kitty.

*Do you see Ned and May?*

*They can feed the kitty.*

*My kitty can not catch fish.*

*May has a spoon, and Ned  
has a bowl.*

*Ned's dog will not catch the  
little kitty.*

**Primer Words, Page 25.**

John big boy ship sail

**New Words.**

water that

John is a big boy. He can sail a ship.

Have you come to see my ship?

My ship is not a big one.

John's ship is a big one. It can sail on the water.

A dog can swim in the water.

Did you see my dog swim?

No, I did not. Where did he swim?

It was in the water where the fish is.

Come and look at my kitty.

My kitty can not swim. It can run up a tree.

The poor little kitty ran after a rat.

The rat ran so fast that kitty could not catch him.

A rat will not run up a tree. It will run where the cat can not catch it.

I will thank you to get my kite.  
Tom, come here and see my pretty little ship.

Is your ship like a kite?

No; a kite can not swim on the water.

A fish can swim in the water, and a ship can sail on the water.

Will you not get a big ship for me?

My papa will get me a ship, and I will sail it on the water.

*My ship is not a big one.*

*Did you see my dog swim?*

*Come and look at my kitty.*

*John's ship is a big one. It can sail on the water.*

**Primer Word, Page 27.**

swan

**New Words.**

does      go      in      to

A swan is a bird, but it does not fly.

Do not hens fly like birds?

Hens run, and birds fly, but swans swim in the water.

Thank you, mamma; will you come and see my swans swim?

Yes, May. John and I will go with you.

Swans are pretty. They can swim fast.

Swans can not run fast, but my rabbits can run fast.

Rabbits are pretty, like my kitty.

My kitty can run up a tree, but rabbits can not.

I will go to the bridge and see the swans swim.

The fish is in the water, and the swan is in the water.

The ship is on the water. Can you see the ship?

I could not see the ship, but I could see the swan.

Will you get my ball and my kite for me?

They are on the bridge with my cap.

Papa got my cap for me. It is a pretty cap.

A big dog caught a big cat.

The big cat caught a big rat.

I can see the dog and the cat and the rat.

Look at them! They are on the bridge.

Ned is on the bridge with Tom.

Come, kitty, and catch a rat for me.

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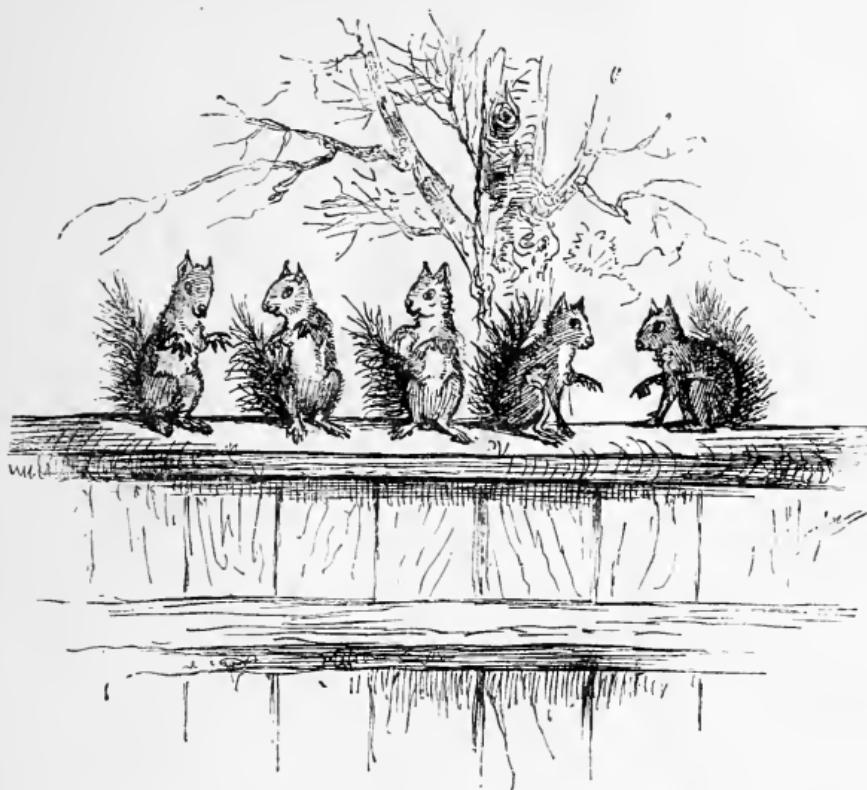
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squirrels

givē

plēase

nūt

See the little squirrels! Please  
catch them for me, John.

No, Ned; I can not catch the  
squirrels.

Look at the pretty squirrels.

I will give a nut to the squirrels.  
The squirrels like to eat nuts.  
They will like me.  
Can you see me, little squirrels?  
See me give you a nut.  
You give them the nuts, John.  
See the nuts in my cap.  
Oh, look at the squirrels!  
See them run up the tree!

*The squirrels like to eat nuts.  
Please catch them for me.*

*doll*                    doll                    d ɔ l l

*got*                    got                    g ɔ t

*not*                    not                    n ɔ t

*on*                    on                    ɔ n



Frěd      bītē      ăpple      gōōd  
Nĕll      of (ăv)      hăve      māy

Where did you get the apple,  
Fred?

I got it on the tree, Nell.

You may have it. Oh, no, Fred!

I will have a bite of it.

It is a big apple.

I will get you a big apple, Nell.

You are a good boy, Fred.

Ned may bite my apple.

Ned is a good boy.

I have my doll.

My doll can not have a bite of  
the apple.

You can not eat.

You poor doll!

*Where did you get the apple?*

*I got it on the tree, Nell.*

*My doll can not have a bite.*

*have*

have

h à v e

## REVIEW.

Look at Nell. See her feed the swans.

Will the swans bite you, Nell?

Oh, no; they will not bite me.

They like me. See them swim to me.

I can see a fish. I will feed the fish.

See John sail his little ship.

John, you are a big boy.

You have a little squirrel.

Please give your squirrel a nut.

I like to see him eat.

See him bite the nut.

Will he eat an apple? Oh, yes, Nell.

I will give him my apple.

No, Nell; I will get him a little apple.

*See him bite the little apple.*



what

an owl

night

eyes

wěll

fünf

What a funny bird! Look at it,  
Nell.

See it look at you, John.

What is it? It is an owl.

It can not see me well.

It can see at night.

Can it fly? Oh, yes; it can fly.

What can it eat? It can eat a rat.

It has big eyes. A rat has little eyes.

It will catch the rat at night.

I can not see well at night.

Please catch the owl for me.

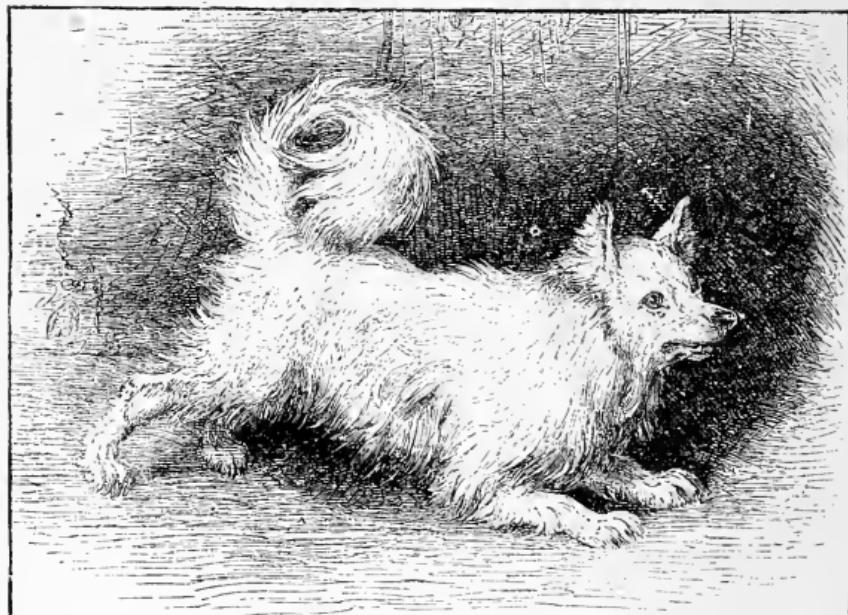
*The owl can eat a rat.*

*Please catch the owl for me.*

*can*                    can                    c à n

*at*                    at                    à t

*cap*                    cap                    c à p



thīnk

päpa'

plāy

wīth

gāve

whītē

See what papa gave me!

A pretty white dog!

See him play!

He will play with my kitty.

Have you a little dog?

No; I have a big dog.

*He will play with my kitty.*

Will he play with your kitty?

No; my kitty will run.

My kitty can run up a tree.

My kitty will eat with my dog.

I gave my dog a ball to play  
with.

See him run for it.

My papa is good to me.

He gave me my little chick.

*My kitty can run up a tree.*

*Papa gave me a pretty dog.*

*run*                    run                    r ü n

*tree*                    tree                    t r ēē

*chick*                    chick                    ch ī ck



come try  
Charlie name trying do

Oh, you funny little boy!

What is your name?

My name is Charlie.

What are you trying to do?

*Oh, you funny little boy!*

I am trying to catch a fish.

What will you do with your fish,  
Charlie?

I will give it to mamma. What is  
your name?

My name is Ned. Come and see  
me, Charlie.

I have two little squirrels.

I like squirrels. I will come to see  
you.

I will catch your little squirrels.

I could not catch a fish.

*What are you trying to do?*

*I am trying to catch a fish.*

*name*      name      n ā m ē

*catch*      catch      c ā t ch



gō gōīng ām Jennie  
lět schoōl dēar brother

Where are you going, Jennie?  
I am going to school with Charlie.  
I do not go to school.  
Charlie is my dear brother.

He is a big boy. He can go to school.  
Mamma dear, may my doll go to  
school? Oh no, Jennie; dolls do  
not go to school.

Charlie has a big apple for you.  
Do not eat it in school, dear.  
Oh no, mamma, I will not.

*Charlie is my dear brother.*

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## REVIEW.

think

white

What do you think papa has?  
A big white owl! It has two big  
eyes.

It can see well at night. I think  
he is a funny bird.

I can not play with it.

It will not play with my kitty.

Did you see Charlie? Do look at him!

See him fish. Can you catch a fish?

I can catch a little fish.

I can not catch a big fish.

Papa can catch a big fish.

See Jennie run! Are you going to school, Jennie?

Yes; I am going with Charlie.

I am not going with little Charlie.

I am going with my big brother Charlie.

Is little Charlie your brother, Nell?

Yes; he is my dear little brother.

He will go to school with your brother.

My brother is a good boy.

*Are you going to school?*

*I am going with Charlie.*

Rōse

ănd

shē

băskĕt

to-dāy

hēr

trȳ

out

Jennie

līkē



Where are you going, Rose?

I am going to see Jennie. She is  
not well.

What have you in your big basket?  
I have my kitty and my doll.

Look out for the kitty, Rose!

She is trying to get out. I can  
catch her.

She will run to me. I like my  
little kitty.

May I see her? Oh yes.

Look in my basket.

Jennie will like to see her and the  
doll.

She may play with the kitty, and  
I will play with the doll.

*Look out for the kitty, Rose!*

*She is trying to get out.*

*basket* basket b ă s k ĕ t

*funny* funny f ă n n y

Grăndpă

lōvē

cānē

hāir

This is

cāmē

smīlē



This is my dear Grandpa.

He is old. I love my Grandpa.

My Grandpa loves me. See him  
smile at me.

He is good. I love to play with  
him.

Have you a dear Grandpa?

*This is my dear Grandpa.*

See his cane. I get his cane for him.

I love to run for him.

See his hair. It is white.

I like his pretty white hair.

My name is Tom.

His name is Grandpa.

Dear Grandpa, I love you.

*I like his pretty white hair.*

*Dear Grandpa, I love you.*

#### SOMETHING TO ANSWER.

1. Where is your Grandpa?
2. Has your Grandpa white hair?
3. Will he play with you?
4. What is your name?
5. What do you do in school?
6. What can you play?

[To be read silently and answered.]

**Primer Words, Page 29.**

squirrels      please      nut

**New Words.**

some      girl      gave

Squirrels and cats can run up a tree.

Squirrels and rats can eat nuts.

Dogs and cats can not eat nuts.

Rabbits will not eat nuts.

Tom gave my rabbits some nuts,  
but they did not eat them.

Have you got some squirrels?

I have some rabbits, and Tom has  
some squirrels.

My papa will give you some squir-  
rels.

They like nuts; will you feed them?

Please get my doll for me, and I  
will give it to mamma.

A boy does not like a doll. A doll  
is for a girl.

You may feed the squirrels, and I  
will feed the rabbits.

The dog will run after the squirrels.  
Squirrels can not fly; they are not  
birds.

My papa gave me a little squirrel  
and a big squirrel.

Will you please catch my little  
squirrel for me?

I can not; he can run fast, like a  
cat.

I can see a fish in the water. It  
will come to me.

Can you catch the fish? No, I can  
not.

I will feed the fish. Will squirrels  
eat?

Yes; squirrels like to eat nuts.

I can see the squirrels eat nuts.

*Squirrels can not fly; they  
are not birds.*

**Primer Words, Page 31.**

Fred	bite	apple
Nell	of	good

A dog can bite, but my dog will not bite me.

Fred has a dog that will bite you.  
He is not a good dog; I do not like him.

Will you give me an apple? I will give you a bite of my apple.

Nell gave me that apple. I like Nell.

Nell is a good girl; I will give her my ball.

Nell has a pretty little doll. I can get the doll for you.

Please give me your doll, Nell.

Oh, yes; I will give you my doll and my kitty.

Kitty will run after the ball and catch it.

Kitty, kitty! Come and see me.  
I have a pretty little ball for you.  
Will you eat this apple for me,  
kitty?

No; kitty will not eat the apple.  
I will give it to the swans. They  
will eat it.

My little chick will eat an apple.  
The old hens will eat apples. I will  
feed them.

Thank you, Ned; I will give you  
a bite of my apple.

Will you go with me to the water  
to see the swans?

We will go on the bridge. We will  
not get in the water.

See the pretty swans swim! Do you  
like to see them?

I can see an apple on the water. It  
is a good apple.

*Nell gave me that apple.*

**Primer Words, Page 34.**

what	might	funny
owl	eyes	well

**New Words.**

afraid	take	when
be	light	dark

Do you see that funny bird? What  
big eyes it has!

Will it bite me, mamma? I am  
afraid of it.

No, May; it will not bite you.

The owl can not see well in the  
light.

It can see in the night, when it is  
dark.

A rat can see in the night.

A rat and a cat and an owl can  
see in the night, when it is dark.

The owl and the cat will catch the  
rat.

Fred caught an owl and gave it to  
Tom.

A girl is afraid of an owl and a rat.  
The owl can fly, but it can not fly  
fast.

The squirrels will run when the  
owl comes after them.

They do not want the owl to catch  
them.

The owl will catch your little chick  
and your old hens, and he will  
eat them.

Come to me, little chick; I will  
give you some of my apple.

Oh, look at the squirrels! They are  
up in a tree!

Yes; Nell got my kite and ran after  
them.

They are afraid of her.

Poor little squirrels! Do not be  
afraid of Nell. I will give you  
some nuts.

**Primer Words, Page 36.**

think      play      white

**New Words.**

black      so      very      nor

My papa gave me a pretty white dog.

He has black eyes.

Does your dog have black eyes?

Yes, I think so. Are they not black, mamma?

My dog will play with my kitty, and run after her.

Kitty will run up a tree, and the dog can not catch her.

My kitty is not white; it is black.

I think a white kitty is very pretty.

What did your papa give for your dog?

He gave two rabbits and two swans.

He is a funny dog, but I like him.

My little dog will be a big dog  
when I am a big boy.

He can run so fast that I can not  
catch him.

My little kitty is not afraid of him.  
He will not bite me nor my kitty.  
He will run after my ball, and play  
with me like a little kitty.

Does he like to go in the water?  
Oh, yes; he can swim in the water,  
like the swans.

Can he see when it is dark? No;  
not very well.

I would like to take him to the  
water to see him swim.

Well, come on; we will go on the  
bridge.

*My papa gave me a pretty  
white dog.*

*He has black eyes.*

**Primer Words, Page 38.**

Charlie name try trying

**New Words.**

How was would If hook

How do you do, Charlie?

May I come and play with you?

I like to catch fish.

My papa and I caught two big fishes.

I was trying to catch a little fish,  
but the little fish would not bite.

So a big fish got caught.

If you will come and play with me,  
I will give you a big apple.

My papa gave it to me.

He thinks I am a good boy. So does  
my mamma.

My name is John. What is your  
name?

My name is Ned. I think Ned is a  
funny name.

Oh, see that big fish! Will he bite  
my hook?

I think he will not bite, for he is  
afraid of me.

Please take my cap, Ned, and I will  
try to catch him.

Papa! papa! I was trying to catch  
a big fish.

He would not bite my hook. He  
was afraid.

Do you think my little dog can  
catch him?

My dog can swim in the water.

*How do you do, Charlie?*

*My name is Ned. I think  
Ned is a funny name.*

*Oh, see what a big fish! Will  
he bite my hook?*

**Primer Words, Page 40.**

let going school am  
brother dear Jennie

**New Words.**

read book

Please come down with me, Jennie.

I am going to school.

Yes; I will go with you. I like to  
go to school.

Will you take your doll to school?

No; my mamma will not let me  
take my doll.

Dolls do not go to school. They  
can not read.

I can read in a book. I like to read  
in school.

My big brother John can read well.  
He has a big book.

John will let me take his book, but  
I can not read in it.

Where are you going, dear little  
kitty?

What are you trying to do?

Oh, I see; you are trying to play  
with my ball.

I will come and play with you.

You are a funny kitty.

I think you are a good kitty.

You are black, but my dog and my  
rabbits are white.

My dog can eat an apple.

My kitty can not eat an apple, but  
he can eat from a spoon.

I like to play with my dear little  
kitty.

*My dog can eat an apple.*

*Please come with me, Jennie.*

*I am going to school.*

*No; my mamma will not  
let me take my doll.*

**Primer Words, Page 43.**

Rose	to-day	her
she	basket	out

**New Words.**

alone	as	sister
goes		their

Rose is going to school alone.

No ; she has her kitty in that basket.  
So she has. I think she likes her  
kitty.

Yes ; she likes her kitty as well as  
her doll.

She likes to play with them.

Her papa gave her the kitty, and  
her mamma gave her the doll.

Her kitty is in the basket. Do you  
think it can get out ?

Oh, yes ; when Rose gets to school,  
she will let it out.

Rose has a sister; her name is  
Jennie.

Jennie does not go to school; she  
is a very little girl.

She can not read, and her mamma  
does not like to have her go out.  
Rose and Jennie are sisters, and  
Charlie is their brother.

Charlie does not like to play alone.  
He plays with Tom, a big boy who  
goes to school.

Tom and Charlie caught some fish  
to-day.

How did they catch them?

Oh, Tom got a hook and gave it to  
Charlie.

Then they let the hook go in the  
water, and the fish would bite it.  
Then Charlie and Tom caught  
them.

*How did they catch them?*

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snōw                    Grăndma                    bärn  
tōo                    līvēs                    hēre

This is where my Grandpa lives.

Grandma lives here too.

She is a dear Grandma.

I go to see her and Grandpa.

It is a big house. See the barn.

I play in the house.

I play in the barn, too.

I feed the hens and chicks.

I play ball with Grandpa.

See the snow. I play with the snow.

See the big birds fly on the snow.



spādē	cōat	wěnt
mādē	ground	come
cōld	put	house

Grandma put my big coat on.

Grandpa gave me a little spade.

I went out to play.

I made a snow house.

*Grandma put my coat on.*

I went into my house.  
Grandpa could not get in.  
He is too big.  
Is it not a pretty white house?  
Come and see me.  
Put on your coat and cap.  
It is not cold in my house.  
Grandma will like to see you.  
I am not cold.  
I will play snow-ball with you.

*Is it not a pretty white house?*  
*Grandma will like to see you.*  
*Come and see my snow house.*  
*Grandpa could not get in.*  
*Put on your coat and come.*  
*Grandpa gave me a spade.*



mittens

muff

girl

his

how

could

How do you do, little girl?

I am pretty well, I thank you.

Where are you going?

I am going to see Charlie.  
Charlie is at his Grandpa's house.  
Will you be cold, little girl?  
Oh no; I have my coat on.  
See my muff and mittens.  
I could not be cold.  
I am going into Charlie's snow  
house.  
I will snow-ball him.  
Charlie has his mittens on, too.  
Have you a little muff?  
No, little girl, I have a big muff.

*I am going to see Charlie.  
See my muff and mittens.  
Will you be cold, little girl?  
Oh no; I have my coat on.*



kittens	one	sāy
into	hēar	mēow
těll	noise	whīte

Come into the barn, Charlie.  
It is too cold in the snow.  
What a big barn this is!  
I hear a little noise.  
Come and see what it is, Charlie.  
Oh, see the big basket, Nell!  
What do you think is in it?  
I will see. Oh, Nell, see the little  
kittens!

Oh, you pretty little kittens!  
Let me catch you. I will tell  
Grandpa.

Hear them say "meow." May I  
have one, Grandpa?

Please let me have one.

Yes, Nell, you may have a white  
one.

Do not say "meow," little kitten.  
I will feed you.

*Please let me have a kitten.*



#### REVIEW.

Papa gave me a big basket.  
What is in this basket, papa?  
Look and see. Will it bite me?  
Oh no, you will like it.  
It is a little rabbit.

It is as white as snow.

Grandpa, see my pretty rabbit  
See him run. Please catch him  
I will feed you, little rabbit.

Will you love me?

I will put you in a little house.

You may play in the barn.

Thank you, papa, for the rabbit.

I will tell mamma.

I will let her see my dear rabbit.

I hear Grandma. She has my  
kitten.

My kitten will play with my rab-  
bit.

She will say “meow.”

She can get in my muff.

Do not bite my mittens, kitty.

Do not catch the poor little chick.

*I will feed you, little rabbit.*



slēd      hill      new      down  
fell      off      again (gēn)      in

O dear, O dear! See Ned and May!  
What did you do, Ned?  
I got on my new sled.

May got on it, too.

We went down hill.

May fell off in the snow.

I fell off, too.

See the little bird look!

What will mamma say?

She will say you are a funny boy.

Get up, Ned. Get on your sled  
again.

Let May get on it, too.

Put your cap on again, Ned.

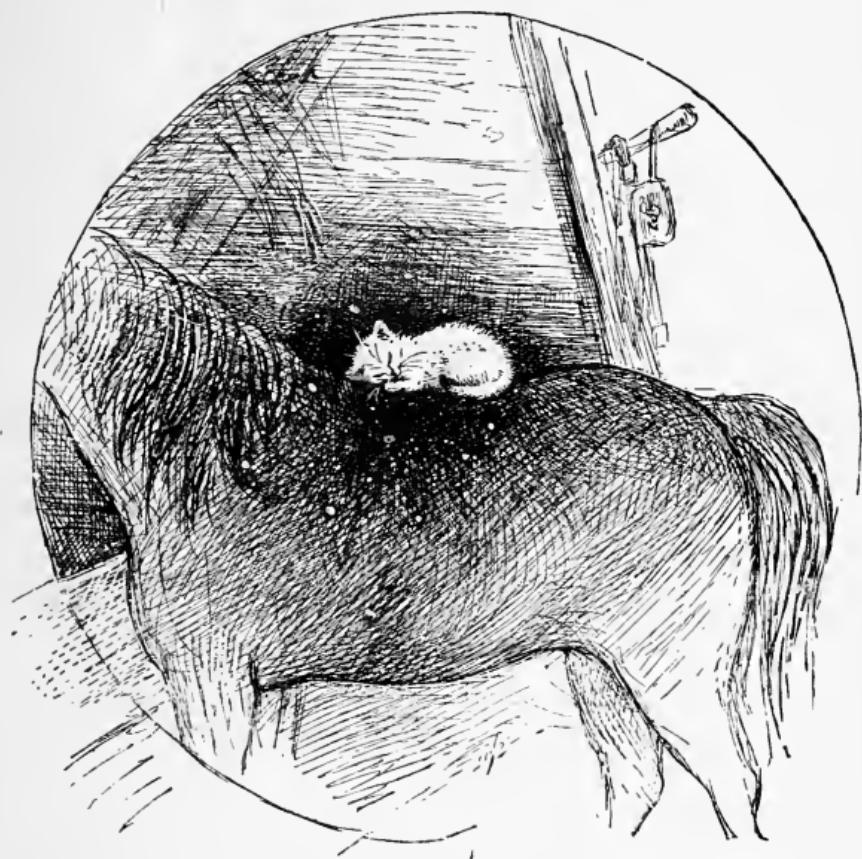
Ned and May went down again.

*May fell off in the snow.*

*See the little bird look!*

*What will mamma say?*

*Let May get on it, too.*



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found

was

said (sĕd)

find

hĕr

See where I found my little kitten.  
I went into the barn to find her.  
I could not see her.  
I said, "Kitty, kitty, kitty!"

She did not come.

I went to the big basket.

She was not in it.

I could not find her.

I went into the house.

I said, "John, I can not find my  
kitty."

John said, "I will find her, May."

He found her on the horse.

I did not get her.

I said, "You are a good horse."

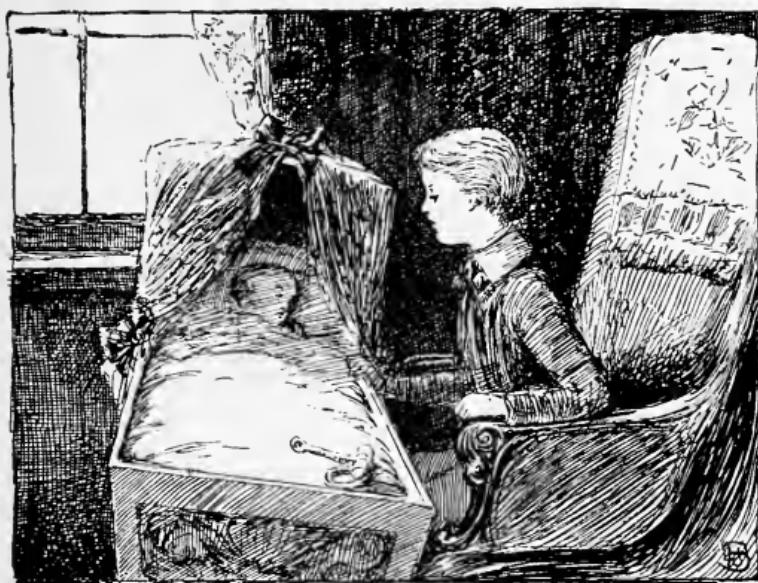
You are good to kitty. I will feed  
you.

*John found her on the horse.*

*I said, Kitty, kitty, kitty!*

*I went to the big basket.*

*John said, "I will find her."*



bāby      asleep      sǐster      rōck

John has a dear little sister.

She is asleep. See John rock her.

Have you a little baby sister?

I have a little baby brother.

I love my baby brother.

See John rock his little sister.

I rock my baby brother for mamma.

My baby brother will smile at me.

I come in the house and play with  
him. Come in and see him.



Annie                    heard                    was  
lamb                    walk                    saw

Annie went out to walk in the  
snow.

Her little dog went with her.

He heard a little noise.  
The little dog ran. Annie ran, too.  
She found a poor little lamb.  
It was cold. It saw Annie.  
The little lamb ran.  
It ran to Annie.  
Annie said, "Poor little lamb, you  
are cold.  
Can you walk to my house?  
I will put you in the barn.  
I will feed you, little lamb."

*The little lamb ran to Annie.*  
*The dog found the little lamb.*  
*Come to me, little lamb.*  
*I will put you in the barn.*

**Primer Words, Page 45.**

grandpa      hair      this  
love      cane      came      smile

**New Words.**

seen      sit      lap  
says      now

Have you seen my grandpa?  
He is very old, and his hair is white.  
He likes to have me sit in his lap.  
He is my papa's papa. How funny  
that is!

My papa is not so old as my grandpa.  
My papa's hair is not white.  
I love my papa and my grandpa.  
My papa does not like to have his  
little boy go to the water.  
He is afraid I will get in the water.  
He says the fish and the swans may  
go in the water.  
They can swim, and I can not.

My dog can swim. He can swim  
in the water and get an apple  
for me.

When my dog goes to the water,  
the fish and swans are afraid.

My dog is a big dog, but he will  
not bite.

He likes little boys and girls.

He plays with me and my sister.

He will run after my ball and get  
it for me.

It is dark now, and I am going in.

My mamma says she is afraid to  
have me out in the dark.

I can not see in the dark like an  
owl.

*Have you seen my grandpa?*

*My papa's hair is not white.*

*My dog is a big dog, but he  
will not bite.*

**Primer Words, Page 47.**

snow too grandma house  
lives barn here

**New Words.**

crumbs fence bad  
right down we

Grandpa and grandma live in this  
house.

It is an old house.

They live here alone.

Mamma and papa and I go to see  
them.

They give us apples to eat, and we  
thank them.

The birds go to see them too.

Grandpa and grandma feed the  
birds.

I think they feed them crumbs.

Yes; that is right. The birds like  
to eat crumbs.

They fly up in the trees and on the fence.

Then they fly out to the barn.

They like to come here and eat.

They like my dear old grandpa and grandma.

I like them too, they are so good.

Grandpa says he likes good little boys and girls.

He does not like bad boys and girls.

I like to play in his barn.

My little brother goes with me to play in the barn.

We see the hens there, and the little chicks.

Grandpa has a big dog, but he likes me.

He will not bite me.

The dog likes to run out in the snow.

I do too, but my mamma does not like to have me.

She says I am too little.

**Primer Words, Page 48.**

spade made cold coat  
ground put went

**New Words.**

warm men by make  
us chair fun

This is fun. Come, John, and play  
with me.

I have a snow house.

My snow house is by the fence.

I can get in it, and you can not see  
me.

I made it with a spade.

It is not cold. I am warm.

I have a warm coat on.

Will you make a snow house?

Oh do! and then we will play we  
are men.

Men make houses, and boys make  
snow houses.

Men make houses to live in, and  
boys make houses to play in.

Grandpa's house is down by the  
barn.

I saw a rat in grandpa's barn.

I could not catch it; it ran very fast.

Grandpa's cat caught a rat in the  
barn.

Come, get your spade and make a  
snow house.

Make it big, so that I can get in it.

Then grandpa and grandma will  
come and see us.

We will not let them sit on the  
ground.

We will get them some chairs.

I love my mamma and my dear  
papa.

I went to see my grandpa last night.

He let me sit in his lap.

I got his cane for him.

I think he is a dear, good grandpa.

**Primer Words, Page 50.**

mittens      muff

**New Words.**

been      ate      behind  
one      playing      there

I think this little girl has been to  
see her grandpa.

She has two dogs, a big one and a  
little one.

They are playing with her.

She is not cold ; she has a muff and  
a warm coat.

I can not see her grandpa's house ;  
it is behind the trees.

I can see the fence and the trees.

I think this little girl's name is May.  
It may be Jennie. Jennie and May  
are sisters.

They have one brother; his name  
is Ned.

The big dog is Ned's dog, but the  
little one is May's dog.

Jennie has no dog, but she has some  
rabbits.

They like to run in the snow.

Jennie went and put some crumbs  
on the snow, and the birds came  
and ate them.

Poor little birds! Are you not cold  
out there in the snow?

Come in and get warm, little birds.

We will feed you some crumbs.

We will not let the cat catch you.

The cat went out to the barn to  
catch some rats.

Come in, little birds; I will let you  
take my mittens.

*They are playing with her.*

*The cat went out to the barn  
to catch some rats.*

**Primer Words, Page 52.**

kittens      tell      hear  
noise      meow

**New Words.**

three      four      many  
other      want

I see three little kittens by the basket.

I see one in the basket.

One is trying to get in, and one is trying to get out.

How many kittens can you see?

I can see four kittens.

Three and one make four.

Can you tell me how many kittens are in the basket?

There is one kitten in the basket.

It can not get out.

The kitten in the basket says  
“meow.”

It can not play in the basket.

It wants its mamma.

Poor little kitty! I will take you out.

Do you want to see your mamma, little kitty?

Now I will put you down, and you can play with the other kittens.

I think it is fun to see kittens play.  
They run after me, and I run behind the chair.

Grandpa says I play like a kitty.

Do you think I do?

I think I play like a little girl.

I have been playing with my kittens to-day.

I have three white kittens.

They live in the barn.

They run when they hear a noise.

*I see one in the basket.*

*It wants its mamma.*

**Primer Words, Page 55.**

sled	hill	new
fell	off	again

**New Words.**

hand	both	cry	saw
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A little boy and a little girl fell off  
their sled.

The boy's name was Ned.

The girl's name was May.

She put her hands in the snow.

But she had mittens on her hands.

Ned fell into the snow too.

He put both hands in the snow, and  
his cap fell off.

A little bird saw them.

They did not cry nor run to their  
mamma.

They got up and went to their sled  
again.

Their sled was a new one.

They both fell off in the snow.  
Their grandpa saw them. He was  
in the house.

Do you see the house up on the hill?  
I can see the house and the fence.  
I can see the little bird too.  
Get up, little boy, and put on your  
cap.

Get on your new sled and try again.  
May will get on with you.  
If you will come to my house, I  
will give you some apples.

I will let you take my mittens and  
my sled.

I will let May take my muff to  
keep her hands warm.

I like to play in the snow when it  
is not cold.

I can make a snow house.

*Ned fell into the snow too  
A little bird saw them.*

**Primer Words, Page 57.**

horse said find found

**New Words.**

place hurt black  
field sleep

May found her kitty in the barn,  
on the horse.

Was not that a funny place to find  
a kitty?

It was a good horse not to hurt the  
kitty.

My papa has a horse. He is black.  
He can run very fast.

He can run up the hill or down  
the hill.

My dog can not run so fast  
The horse likes to run in the field.  
Papa puts him in the barn at night.  
He feeds him there.

My old cat sleeps in the barn too.

The cat and her kitty both sleep  
in the barn.

Kitty likes to sleep on the horse.  
The horse would not hurt the poor  
little kitty.

Will you come to my house and see  
my horse?

Papa has a good place for him in  
the barn.

If he is not in the barn, we will  
feed him in the field.

He will eat out of my hand. He will  
not bite me.

I do not like to go to the barn alone.  
I am afraid there may be a bad boy  
there.

A bad boy would hurt me.

I would tell my papa if I found a  
bad boy in the barn.

Papa would not let him hurt me.

Papa says I am his dear little boy.  
I love my papa.

**Primer Words, Page 59.**

baby      asleep      rock

**New Words.**

cradle      just      fall  
rocking      Frank      all

John's little baby sister is in the  
cradle fast asleep.

John is rocking her.

She sleeps just like a kitten.

I have no little baby sister, but I  
have a baby brother.

His name is Frank. He is very little.

I will let you see him, if you will  
come to my house.

All right; I will go and see him.

Is he with his mamma?

Yes; he sits in her lap.

She says he is too little to sit in a  
chair.

He would fall off and hurt him.

I do not like to hear him cry.  
I like to see him asleep in his cradle.  
I like to rock him too.  
When I am rocking him, he does  
not make a noise.  
I let him take my ball to play with.  
He will bite it and give it to  
mamma.  
Mamma says he wants to eat it.  
He cannot eat it. My dog bites it  
too.  
I do not like to have my dog bite it.  
Have you a baby brother?  
No; I have a big brother, but he  
does not play with me.  
What is his name? It is Ned.  
I think Frank is a pretty name. I  
do not like Ned; do you?  
I do not think it is so good a name  
as Frank.

*Have you a baby brother?*

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Grācē

hōē

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spādē

tākē

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thank

What are you going to do, Charlie?  
I am going to make a little garden.  
Grandpa gave me a spade.

Papa gave me a hoe and a rake.  
Mamma gave me a water-pot.  
I can make a good garden.  
May I go with you, and see you  
make it?

Yes, Grace, I will like to have you  
come.

I will spade and hoe it.

You may rake it.

Will you take the water-pot for  
me?

Yes, Charlie, and I can take the  
hoe.

No, thank you, Grace, I can take  
the hoe.

*Papa gave me a rake.*

*Mamma gave me a water-pot.*



müst

lily

tülip

lilies

rōse-bush

now

I will have my garden here.

I must hoe my garden now.

*I will have tulips and lilies.*

What will you have in your garden?

I will have a rose-bush.

I will have tulips and lilies.

I like lilies. Grandma will give me a rose-bush.

I will say, "Grandma, may I have a rose-bush?"

She will say, "Yes, dear, you may."

I will give you a lily, Grace.

Oh, thank you, Charlie. I hear mamma.

I will run and see what she said.



#### EASY READING.

I went out with my new sled.

I let my sister May get on it.

I ran down hill. May fell off.

I said, "Come find papa, May.

He will put you on the horse.

He will not let you fall."

I found papa asleep.

I said, "Papa, please get up.

Will you put May on the horse?

Will you put me on the horse, too?

She fell off my new sled." Papa  
got up.

Papa put May on the horse.

He let the horse walk. He put me  
on, too. We went to the barn.

I saw a little lamb.

It was a baby lamb. It was asleep.

We went into my new garden.

I let papa see my lilies and tulips.

I gave him a rose.

Papa said, "You must rake your  
garden, Charlie."

I got the water-pot.

I put water on my garden.



slātē

īnk

hănd

bōōk

pěncil

naughty

See this poor boy. He fell asleep.

He has a slate and pencil.

See the book in his hand.

See the naughty kittens.

Oh, you naughty little kittens!

*He has a slate and pencil.*

See the ink.

I will catch you, little kittens.

I must run to mamma.

Mamma, John fell asleep.

He had a book in his hand.

He had his slate and pencil.

The kittens got the ink.

The ink fell.

Please come, mamma, and see John.

*Oh, you naughty kittens!*

*Mamma, John fell asleep.*

*Come, mamma, and see John.*

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3   •   •   •      Three dots.

4   :   :      Four dots.



cărriage

what

pícture

rīdē

Oh, what a funny picture!

See the mamma cat and the little  
kitten.

The kitten is in the doll carriage.  
How did she get in?

I think the old mamma cat put  
her in.

She will give her baby a ride.

I have a doll carriage.

I will put my kitten in the carriage

My doll carriage is a big one.

I put the baby in it.

She did look pretty in it.

I gave her a little ride.

I will take her to ride again.

I like this picture.

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sōme      ăs      hōmē      sweet

I have a pretty little garden.

I have lilies, tulips, and a rose-  
bush.

Come home with me now.

I have a dear little sister.  
Her name is Rose.  
She is as sweet as a rose.  
She is in my garden now.  
See her look at the tulips.  
Come and see me, Rose dear.  
She is as good as she is pretty.  
I will give her some lilies.  
Take the lilies home to mamma,  
dear.

*I have a dear little sister.  
She is as sweet as a rose.  
Come and see me, Rose dear.*

*sister*      *sister*      *s i s t e r*

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săck

care

whŷ

Why, what is the matter with  
Ned?

Poor little Ned is sick.

Nell will take care of him.

She will fan her sick brother.

See the fan in her hand.

Poor little brother!

I will take good care of you.

I will get you a picture book.

I will give you a sweet apple to eat.

I will get you some cold water.

Papa will come home and take you to ride.

You will be well again.

I will be as good as I can to my sick brother.

*She will fan her sick brother.*

*Papa will take you to ride.*



and • are



2 and 1 are 3



thăt

all

drěss

hăt

wět

pāil

Oh, you naughty, naughty girl!

What did you do that for?

You are all wet.

You got your pretty dress all wet.

See all the water. You will be sick.

I did not have my hat on.

I put the pail on for a hat.

I did it for fun.

I did not think of the water.

I do not care for a little water.

I will not do that again.

My poor dress is all wet.

I will get my hat.

What will mamma say?

*My poor dress is all wet.*

*What did you do that for?*

*I will not do that again.*

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**Primer Words, Page 60.**

Annie lamb heard walk

**New Words.**

lost glad head  
began milk kind

A poor little lamb got lost in the snow.

It could not find its mamma.

It ran down by the barn and began to cry.

Annie heard it, and ran after it and found it.

The lamb came up to Annie, and put its head in her lap.

It was glad to find her.

Annie was kind to the little lamb, and gave it some milk.

It was cold, and Annie made it warm.

She put her hand on its head.

She had a cap on her head and a  
muff on her arm.

Her little dog was with her.

He was a funny little dog.

He was afraid of the lamb.

But the lamb would not hurt him.

The lamb was not afraid of Annie.

Don't you think Annie was very  
kind to the lamb?

I would be kind to a poor little  
lamb.

I would not hurt a lamb or a kitten.

If I heard a lamb cry, I would go  
after it.

I would feed it and make it warm.

Little lambs can run and play in  
the field.

My grandpa has a good many lambs.  
He says I may have one if I want it.  
I think I will get it, and put it in  
my papa's barn.

It can play there with my old cat.

**Primer Words, Page 62.**

rake      Grace      water-pot  
garden      hoe

**New Words.**

hat      work      carry  
sometimes      flowers

Little Charlie had a garden.  
His papa gave him a hoe and a rake.  
His grandpa gave him a spade.  
His mamma gave him a water-pot.  
His brother gave him a big hat.  
Then he went to the garden to work.  
He could not carry the water-pot.  
So he put it down, and took the  
    rake and the hoe and the spade.  
Then he came and got the water-  
    pot.  
Charlie likes to work in the garden.  
He works there alone.  
He has four chairs in his garden.

He has no little brother or sister to  
work with him.

Sometimes his papa or his mamma  
works with him.

He likes to walk up and down the  
garden and look at the flowers.

He says the garden is his house.

Sometimes he takes his book and  
reads in the garden.

Then his kitty comes and gets up  
in his lap.

Kitty likes to sleep in Charlie's lap  
when he reads.

Charlie can read in a book very well.

His mamma gave him a very pretty  
book.

He likes his pretty book as well as  
a doll.

He does not play with his doll.

Girls play with dolls. Boys like to  
play in the garden.

Some girls play in the garden too.

**Primer Words, Page 64.**

must      lily      lilies  
rose-bush      tulip

**New Words.**

bouquet      day      home  
story      told

Charlie and Grace have a garden.  
They have flowers in it.  
May takes the flowers, and makes a  
bouquet.

One day they were in the garden  
when their mamma came after  
them.

She said, “Charlie and Grace!” And  
they heard her.

Then they said, “What do you  
want, mamma?”

She said their grandpa had come  
to see them, and they must  
come in.

So they went in and found their  
grandpa in the house.

He was glad to see them.

He made them both come and sit  
in his lap.

Then he told them a story.

He gave them some apples, and said  
they must come and see him.

Then Grace gave him some flowers.  
She gave him a very pretty bouquet.  
It was made of tulips and lilies and  
roses.

Charlie got his book, and read a  
story to his grandpa.

Then their grandpa went home.

He had his cane in his hand.

Charlie and Grace were very kind  
.to their grandpa.

Some day they will go and see him  
in his home.

Their papa and mamma will go  
with them.

**Primer Words, Page 67.**

slate	pencil
ink	naughty

**New Words.**

floor	spilled	sorry
table	know	man

John fell asleep in his chair.

His book was in his hand.

His slate was on the floor.

His ink was on the table.

Kitty got up on the table and spilled  
the ink.

John's mamma came and found the  
ink spilled.

She was very sorry, but she did not  
cry.

John was sorry too. He loves his  
mamma.

John can work in the garden like a  
man.

He has a hoe, a spade, and a rake.

He works with his papa.

John's papa says he is a little man.

John goes to school and reads in a book.

I am going to school when I am a big boy.

Sometimes I go to school now.

John lets me go with him.

Mamma went to school when she was a little girl.

I have a slate and pencil at home.

I can not read in a book, but I can get my mamma to read for me.

When I am a big boy I can read and go to school.

Now I must not go to school. I can play at home.

I am sorry the kitty spilled John's ink.

Kitty must not get up on the table.

She must play on the floor.

**Primer Words, Page 69.**

carriage      picture      ride

**New Words.**

having      giving      only  
true      talk

This little kitten is having a ride.  
Her mamma is giving her a ride in  
a baby carriage.

This is the kitty that went to sleep  
on the horse.

It is now a big kitty.

May has a little baby sister.

This is the baby's carriage.

Sometimes May takes her baby sis-  
ter and her kitty in the carriage  
to ride.

Kitty's mamma is giving her a ride.  
Do you think her mamma can do  
that?

I do not. That is only a picture.

It is a pretty picture, but it is not true.

A cat can not walk like that.

A cat can not make a baby carriage go.

I can make a baby carriage go. I am a big girl.

I take my doll out in the baby carriage.

Dolls can not talk, and they can not walk.

They can ride just like a baby.

Boys and girls can talk, and read, and be good.

Boys and girls are sometimes naughty.

Naughty boys and girls do not please their mamma.

They make their mamma cry when they are naughty.

Good boys and girls are kind to their mamma.

**Primer Word, Page 71.****sweet****New Words.**

looking	took	were
bed	rode	stay

Rose is my dear little sister.

She likes to go into my garden and  
look at the tulips.

She is just as sweet as a rose.

Do you see her in my garden now?

She is looking at my tulips.

Rose sometimes takes my slate and  
makes pictures.

I let her take my pencil when she  
wants to make pictures.

She is so sweet and good, I do all I  
can to please her.

She sleeps with me at night.

When we go to bed we talk about  
our garden.

Sometimes we take our dolls to bed with us.

Papa has a new carriage and a black horse.

He took us to ride to-day. Mamma went too.

We rode over the hill to see grandpa and grandma.

They were both at home, and were glad to see us.

Grandpa said I must stay all night, but mamma would not let me.

My little dog went too.

He ran on the ground behind the carriage.

Grandpa gave me some apples in a basket.

They were sweet.

Do you like sweet apples?

Yes; I like sweet apples, and I like sweet little girls.

I think my mamma is sweet.

**Primer Words, Page 73.**

matter      sick      why  
fan      care

**New Words.**

green      time      doctor

My poor little brother is sick.  
I am Nell, and my brother is Ned.  
I will take good care of my sick  
brother.  
I think I know what made him  
sick.  
He ate too many green apples.  
Mamma told him not to eat too  
many.  
He ate four, and they made him  
sick.  
I will not eat green apples. I do  
not want to be sick.  
I will not eat what my mamma  
tells me not to eat.

Green apples are not good for boys  
and girls.

Poor Ned! He can not play now.  
I will work in his garden for him.  
He will let me take his hoe and his  
spade.

I will get a pretty bouquet of flowers  
for him.

He likes flowers, and I like to please  
him.

I will read him a story out of my  
book.

He will like that, I know.

Mamma can not be with him all  
the time.

I will stay with him some of the  
time.

Ned is a good boy, and we all love  
him.

I hope he will get well. Poor little  
boy!

The doctor says he will get well.

**Primer Words, Page 75.**

wet      dress      pail

**New Words.**had      cried      shoe  
stocking      dry

A funny girl put a pail on her head  
for a hat.

It had some water in it.

The water ran down on her head  
and dress.

She was all wet, and she cried.

Her mamma heard her, and came  
to see what was the matter.

She found her little girl all wet.

She took off her dress and put her  
in bed.

Then she told her she must not put  
a pail on her head for a hat.

The little girl did not know that it  
would wet her dress.

She was a funny girl, I think.  
She did not know that water is  
wet.

It wet her shoes and stockings too.  
Her mamma had to take off her  
shoes and stockings and dry  
them.

She put the little girl in bed and  
made her stay there.

When her dress and her stockings  
were dry, her mamma let her  
get up.

Then she went out to play again,  
but she did not put a pail on  
her head.

She went into the garden to play.  
There she found some tulips, some  
lilies, and some roses.

She was all alone, but she was not  
naughty.

I think when she gets to be a big  
girl she will be very good.

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1. You may get your hat.
2. You may give your pencil to John.
3. You may get me some water.
4. You may give your slate to Annie.
5. You may tell me your name.
6. You may make "hat" on your slate.
7. You may get a little girl for me.
8. You may write your name on your slate.
9. You may get the ink for me.
10. You may give me your slate.

*You may tell your name.*

11. You may get me a book.
12. You may catch this ball.
13. You may get a coat for me.
14. You may come to me.
15. You may write your name on  
the black-board.
16. You may give your book to  
May.
17. You may write what you  
please on your slate.
18. You may make one, two, three  
on the black-board.
19. You may get a little boy for  
me.
20. You may look at this picture.

These sentences are to be read *silently* by the pupil, and each pupil is to follow the direction as designated by the number his teacher gives him.



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hĕlp

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dō-ĕng

See this dear little girl.

What are you doing, little girl?

I am trying to help mamma.

Poor mamma is not well.

*She is trying to help mamma.*

I must help her. I am a big girl now.  
Mamma said, "I must make some  
cake."

I said, "I will make the cake,  
mamma dear.

You are sick. Let me make the  
cake."

Mamma said, "You may help me.  
You may find some eggs."

I ran out to the barn. I found  
four white eggs.

I will break them for mamma.

Mamma, see me break the eggs.

I love to help you.



and



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They

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been

See John help his mamma carry  
the basket.

See all the apples in the basket.

I could not carry the basket.

John has been picking the apples.

*See the apples in the basket.*

Annie and Nell have been picking  
the apples, too.

See the big apple-tree.

They will carry the apples home.

They will eat the apples.

See Annie run.

She says, "Let me help carry the  
basket."

John says, "Oh no, Nell; girls do  
not carry baskets. I am a big  
boy. I can carry it."

*Set me help carry the basket.*



and • are



and • are





sit      knit      chair      glasses

Oh, what a funny little grandma!  
See her sit up in the chair.

Look at her glasses.

Can you see me, little grandma?

Put up your glasses and look at  
me.

Let me see you knit. Look at her  
big cap.

You are a dear little grandma.

What a big chair you sit in, little  
grandma.

What will your grandma say to  
you?

She will think you are a sweet  
little grandma.

You can not knit, little grandma.



and • are





cănnon stănd hĕad hōld  
drŭm gŭn brōom fŭn  
sōldier hĕlping

May is a little soldier now.  
See the soldier cap on her head.  
Her doll has a soldier cap on her  
head.

The doll can not stand up.

See May stand up.

What are you doing with the  
broom, May?

Oh, that is my gun.

Ned has his drum. See the little  
cannon.

Ned says, "Hold the gun up, May."

Get a little broom for the doll,  
Ned.

Oh no, she can not hold one.

It is fun to play soldier.



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What have you been doing, John?

I have been helping mamma.

I have been picking apples.

I found some eggs for her.

I did not break them.

I found some glasses for grandma.  
She gave me a little cake.  
She let me sit in her chair.  
I like to see her knit.  
I went to play with May and Ned.  
Ned has a drum. He has a cannon,  
too.  
I made some soldier caps.  
May put one on her head.  
I made a little one for her doll.  
I got a broom for a gun.  
Did you see us play?  
I am going now to get some apples.  
Mamma has been picking some.  
I will carry the basket home for  
her.

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● from ●●● leaves ●●



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Oh, Ned! please don't do that to  
my dollie.

My poor dollie will cry.

Oh no, May; she can not cry.

It doesn't hurt her.

It is fun to see her stand on her head.

Please don't, Ned; I shall cry.

No, May; please don't cry, dear.

I will let her sit up in the chair.

She will like that.

Come and play with my ball, May.

It is fun to play ball. Dollie will like to see us play.

You may catch the ball in your dress.

I will catch it in my hand.

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This little girl went to school  
with her brother.

When she came home she got a book.

She took it to her mamma.

She said, "Mamma, I want to sit in your lap.

Will you read the pretty book to me? Charlie can read. I want to read, too.

When may I go to school, mamma?"

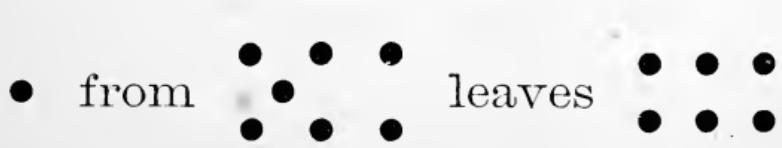
Her mamma said, "When you are as big as Charlie you may go.

You are too little now.

You may come to school in mamma's lap."

When Charlie came home, she took the book to him. She got up in his lap.

Charlie read to her.





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Now, doggie, keep still.

I am going to cut your hair.

It is too long.

I must cut it. Mamma cut my hair to-day.

I keep still when mamma cuts my hair.

You must be a good little doggie.  
You do not want long hair in your eyes.

Do not be naughty.

I will feed you when your hair is cut.

I will take you to ride with me.  
You may play with my ball.

*Mamma cut my hair to-day.*

*I will take you to ride.*

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**Primer Words, Page 79.**

blackboard      help      break  
write      eggs      cake      doing

**New Words.**

hard      nest      hay      hunt

A good little girl will try to help  
her mamma.

Mamma has to work hard some-  
times.

A little girl can help her.

When mamma has to make a cake,  
a little girl can get the eggs.

She can go out to the barn and find  
some eggs.

They will be in the hens' nests.

The hens' nests are in the hay in  
the barn.

It is fun to hunt after them.

My papa gets the eggs in a basket.  
Sometimes I find them in the hay.

One day I found four white eggs in  
the barn.

I took them to my mamma, and she  
made a cake.

I like to help my mamma.

I can write on the blackboard.

I have a slate and pencil, and some-  
times I write on my slate.

I can read and write as well as my  
brother.

I can make a picture on my slate.

My papa says I can make a picture  
as well as he can.

If I carry my slate to school, I may  
break it.

Sometimes I break my pencil, and  
my papa gives me a new one.

I will let you take my slate and  
pencil and make a picture.

Thank you; I will make a picture  
of a house.

*I like to help my mamma.*

**Primer Word, Page 81.**

picking

**New Words.**

full    large    ladder    should  
red    pick    careful

John's papa has a big apple tree in  
the field.

He gets many baskets of apples  
from it.

John helps him get the apples.

Sometimes John's mamma helps  
too.

And sometimes the girls help.

The girls are Annie and Nell.

When the basket is full of apples,  
the girls can not carry it.

John helps his mamma carry the  
basket.

Some of the apples are red in the  
basket.

Red apples look very pretty in the basket.

John and his papa pick the apples from the tree.

They put up a ladder and then go up and pick off the apples.

They must be careful or they will fall.

It would hurt them if they should fall from the ladder.

Little boys and girls should not go up on a ladder.

They should not get upon a fence.

If the apples fall from the tree, John picks them up.

John's papa takes the apples home.

Some of them he gives to John's grandpa.

All boys like to eat apples. So does John.

Annie and Nell like to eat apples too.

**Primer Words, Page 83.**

knit      glasses

**New Words.**thought      laugh      years  
looked      five      shall      six

A little girl thought she would be  
a grandma.

So she got her mamma's glasses.

Then she got her grandma's big cap.  
Then she took her grandma's stock-  
ing and got up in her big chair.

She put on the big cap and the  
glasses, and then she tried to  
knit like her grandma.

But she could not knit. She did  
not know how.

She looked like a little old grandma.  
It made her mamma laugh to see her.  
Her mamma said, "How do you do,  
little grandma?"

And the little girl said, "Pretty well, thank you."

Then her mamma said, "How old are you?"

And the little girl did not want to tell.

Girls sometimes do not like to tell how old they are.

But they are big girls. Little girls like to tell.

My sister is five years old.

I was six years old in May.

I am going to school now. I read in a red book.

It is time for me to go and get my slate and pencil.

I shall break my slate if I am not careful.

If I should break my slate, I could not write on it.

I would have to write on the black-board.

**Primer Words, Page 85.**

cannon      stand      gun  
drum      soldier      broom  
hold      helping

**New Words.**

played      kept

Ned and May were playing soldier.  
May had a soldier cap on her head,  
and her doll in her hand.

She did just what Ned told her to do.  
But she kept the doll in her hand.  
The little cannon was on the ground  
by Ned.

When Ned played on his drum, he  
was a soldier.

You would laugh to see Ned. He  
looked like a little man.

Boys like to play soldier.

They like to play what men do.

Girls like to play what their mammas do.

Girls like to play with dolls and to dress them.

Boys like to make gardens and snow houses.

Boys can run and play in the field.

Girls can play in the house.

Boys get hurt and they cry ; but they play very hard.

It is fun for boys to play ball.

Girls do not like to play ball ; they make a play-house.

They put their dolls in it, and chairs and tables.

Then they tell their mamma to come and see it.

Boys like to make a big noise.

Sometimes they laugh and sometimes they cry.

But they go to bed at night and sleep just like girls.

**Primer Words, Page 88.**

doesn't                    dollie

**New Words.**stick                    captain                    arms  
real                    shoulder                    hit

When Ned and May played soldier,  
Ned had a stick for a gun.

May had a broom for a gun.

Ned had a real drum and a little  
cannon.

Ned was captain. He said, "Shoulder—*arms!*"

Then May put the broom on her  
shoulder like a gun.

May was a good girl. She let Ned  
play with her doll.

He made the doll stand on her  
head.

May did not like that. It made her  
cry.

Then Ned said, "Please don't cry, May.

It doesn't hurt the dollie. But I will not do it.

Come and play with my ball. You may catch it."

Then they played with Ned's ball.

May caught it in her dress.

Ned put the dollie in a chair and then played ball with May.

Ned was not careful, and he hurt May with the ball.

The ball hit her on the head and hurt her.

She put her hand up to her head and began to cry.

Ned said, "Shall I go after the doctor, May?"

Then Ned took the ball and went into the house.

May took her dollie and went home to see her mamma.

**New Words.**

who        about        bark        keep  
stories    around    call        away

A little girl five years old can not  
read in a big book.

Some little girls five years old can  
read.

Yes, I know a little girl only five  
years old, who can read very  
well.

She likes to go to school with her  
brother.

But her papa says she is too little.  
So she takes her book to her mamma,  
and gets up in her lap and  
reads.

Her mamma likes to read stories  
to her.

She reads about little girls and  
boys, and what they played.

One story told about a little girl  
who had a garden.

Her name was Grace, and she had  
a pretty little dog.

Sometimes her dog would run all  
around the house and the gar-  
den, trying to find her.

If he did not find her, he would  
bark.

Then she would call him, and he  
would run and find her.

She told him one day to stay in  
the garden and keep the boys  
away.

Some bad boys came, and the little  
dog made them go away.

He would bite them, and run after  
them and bark.

He did not let them get any of the  
flowers.

Don't you think he was a good lit-  
tle dog?

**Primer Words, Page 92.**

cut still doggie long

**New Words.**

shaggy shears neck  
because grow

A little girl by the name of Jennie  
had a shaggy little dog.

The dog's hair was so long that it  
got into his eyes.

His hair was white.

Jennie thought his hair was too  
long.

So she got her mamma's shears  
and began to cut it off.

But the little dog would not keep  
still, and Jennie could not cut it.

Then she put her arm around his  
neck, and made him keep still.

She took the shears and cut his  
hair off all around his eyes.

Then she let him run away.  
He looked so funny that she was  
sorry she had cut off his hair.  
Her mamma said she was a naughty  
girl.

Then Jennie cried, and said she  
was sorry and would not do so  
again.

And her mamma told her not to  
cry, because the hair would  
grow out again.

But the poor little doggie did not  
look so pretty with his hair cut  
off.

Jennie did not cut it again, but  
she let it grow out long.

Some dogs have very long hair.

*Then she let him run away.  
The dog's hair was so long  
that it got into his eyes.*

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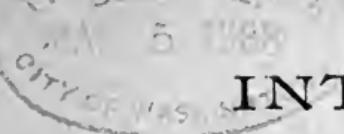
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thēse      thrōw      stīck  
Jāmes      hīt      yoūr

What are these two boys doing?  
James has his 'hat on.

Where is your hat, John? Oh, I  
see it.

It is on the apple-tree.

John has a long stick.

He is going to throw it at the hat.

Can you hit the hat, John?

I think I can hit it.

I could not hit that hat.

Hit the apples, John. I want one  
of them.

*Where is your hat, John?*

*I can see it on the apple-tree.*

*apple*      *apple*      *ă p p l ē*

• from  leaves 



büt      jüst      rāin      bōots

Just see it rain! Why, Charlie,  
are you going out in this rain?  
Oh, yes; I am going to school.

I don't care for the rain. But you  
will get wet.

Oh, no; I will not get wet. Just  
see my big boots. Look at my  
long coat.

I think you must like to go to  
school.

I do like to go to school; but the  
rain will not hurt me.

It is just good fun to go out in it.  
I think all the boys will go to  
school.

Boys do not care for rain.

*Boys do not care for rain.*

1 and 2 are 3

3 and 2 are 5

2 and 2 are 4

4 and 2 are 6



hōōd ärms hērē mōrnīng

Here are May and Ned again.

May has been out to play this  
morning.

She has her hood on.

She has dollie in her arms. Ned  
has a book.

That chair is too big for you, dear.

Let Ned get in with me.

I think Ned is a little too big for  
that.

You could not get out again.

How is dollie this morning?

Oh, dollie is pretty well, I thank  
you.

She has been sick. Ned came and  
made her well.

See my new hood. Dollie has a  
hood, too.

Mamma made it for her.

*Ned came and made her well.*

5	and	2	are	7
6	and	2	are	8

## EASY READING.

I have a funny little doggie.  
I went out to play with him this morning.  
His hair was too long. I took him in my arms.  
I said, "Keep still, little doggie.  
I will not hurt you.  
I want to cut your hair.  
When your hair is cut, I will play with you.  
I will throw a stick. You may run and get it for me. What fun we will have!  
Oh dear, it is going to rain!  
I must run into the house. Come, doggie.  
*We must run into the house.*

I will cut your hair in the house."

Charlie, just see it rain. Yes, and  
I must go to school.

You will get wet, Charlie dear.

No, I will put on my big boots.

I can see James out in the rain.

He has his long coat. Doggie, you  
may have my dollie's hood on.

Then you may go out in the  
rain.

Oh no. you will hurt dollie's hood.

*I will put on my big boots.*

*You will get wet, Charlie.*

7 and 2 are 9

8 and 2 are 10



plāyīng

plāyēd

tīred

bēd

See my dear little baby brother!

He went out to play with me.

I played horse with him.

He was tired. I took him in the  
house.

*He went out to play with me.*

I found mamma. I said, "Mamma,  
baby is tired.

He has been playing with me."

Mamma took him in her arms.

She put him on the bed.

He is asleep now. I must keep  
still.

Doggie, you can not get on the  
bed.

Baby is asleep. Come with me.

You played too long with baby.

*Mamma, baby is tired.*

*She took him in her arms.*

2	from	2	leaves	0
2	from	3	leaves	1



Arthur  
Minnie  
laugh  
our  
we  
very

Arthur, Minnie, and James went  
out to walk.

They had a very long walk. Min-  
nie was very tired.

She said, "Arthur, I am tired."

Arthur said, "Poor little Minnie!

James and I will carry you.

We will make a chair with our hands.

Come, Minnie, and sit in our chair.

We will give you a ride."

"Oh, thank you, boys. You are very good."

"We like to carry you. We will carry you home.

Mamma will laugh when she sees you.

You will not be tired long."

*You will not be tired long.*

2	from	4	leaves	2
---	------	---	--------	---

2	from	5	leaves	3
---	------	---	--------	---



wouldn't                    fast                    gōes  
kiss                            hăvĭng                    Isn't

Isn't this a funny picture!  
Do look at this little girl!

She is having a ride down hill.  
She has a pretty hood on. See  
her white muff.

Look at all the little birds! They  
are little snow birds. They are  
trying to kiss the little girl.  
See her laugh! See the birds try  
to fly on the sled.

One little bird is having a ride.  
How fast the sled goes! See her  
long hair.

Do not fall off, dear. You wouldn't  
laugh then.

You would cry. You make me  
laugh, you funny girl. I want  
to ride down hill with you.  
I like to go fast.

2	from	6	leaves	4
---	------	---	--------	---



tōad flīes quīck stēp hōp

How do you do, old toad? What  
are you doing on my step?

Do you want a fly to eat?

Oh yes; you like to eat flies.

You are a big toad. I must get a  
fly for you.

*How do you do, old toad?*

Can you catch a fly? Let me see  
you hop.

Hop off the step. Hop into the  
garden.

Can you hop fast? I can hop, too.

Catch some flies, old toad.

I saw a little toad this morning.

Was it your little toad?

Do you see the cat, old toad?

The cat will try to catch you.

Hop quick! Hop into my garden.

You may have a home in my  
garden.

*Do you want a fly to eat?*

2 from 7 leaves 5

2 from 8 leaves 6

**Primer Words, Page 94.**

these      James      throw

**New Words.**catches      great      mouth  
over      brings      spill

James and John are two big boys.  
They go out into the fields and  
play ball.

James throws the ball, and John  
catches it.

Then John throws the ball, and  
James catches it.

Then John takes a stick and hits  
the ball.

James runs and catches it.

Sometimes it goes down the hill  
or over the fence.

Then the boys run after it and  
have great fun.

James has a big shaggy dog, and  
he likes to play with them.

He runs and gets the ball, and  
brings it to them in his mouth.

When they ride in the carriage,  
the dog runs behind.

James's papa doesn't want to have  
the big dog ride in the carriage.

One day James told his dog to  
take a basket, and carry it in  
his mouth over the hill to the  
barn.

His papa was in the barn.

The dog took the basket, and ran  
over the hill, and gave it to  
James' papa.

He is very careful not to break it.  
If he should break it, he would  
spill what was in it on the  
ground.

But he does not break the basket  
nor spill it.

**Primer Words, Page 96.**

rain      boots

**New Words.**brave      umbrella  
feathers      feet

Charlie is a brave little boy.

He goes to school when it rains.

He puts on his big boots and his  
long coat.

Then he takes his papa's umbrella  
and goes right out in the rain.

He doesn't care if it does rain. He  
is a brave boy.

Some boys are afraid of rain.

Rain will not hurt them if they  
don't get wet.

An umbrella will keep off the rain.  
If it should rain very hard, Charlie  
would get his boots wet, but  
his feet would be dry.

If he should play in the water, he would get wet, and his mamma would not like it.

But he does not play in the water. He lets the swans play in the water. They do not get wet in the water.

Their feathers keep them dry.

Swans swim in the water, but boys walk on the dry ground.

Swans stay in the water all the time.

Swans and hens and birds have feathers.

Dogs and rabbits and squirrels and kittens have hair.

I like to put my hand on the warm hair of my kitty.

*Charlie is a brave little boy.  
Swans and hens and birds  
have feathers.*

**Primer Words, Page 98.**

hood      morning

## New Words.

sat under lay  
whip playthings asked

Ned and May played "keep house." Ned was at home, and May came to make a call.

Ned was playing with his slate and pencil.

May came and said, "How do you do?"

Then Ned said, "I am pretty well, I thank you. Will you walk in?"

"If you please," said May, and went into the house.

Ned let her sit in the big chair.

Ned asked her if her mamma was well, and May said she was well.

May sat in the big chair and held  
her dollie in her arms.

She had her dollie in her arms, and  
she had a hood on her head.

Ned's whip and book and drum  
and ball and other playthings  
lay on the floor.

He kept his slate under his arm,  
and talked to May.

He asked her if her mamma, or her  
papa, or her brother, or her sis-  
ter, was sick.

He said he would go after the doc-  
tor if they were sick.

But she said they were all very  
well.

Then she went away, and Ned  
asked her to come again.

*Ned was at home, and May  
came to make a call.*

**Primer Word, Page 102.**

tired

**New Words.**

enough	own	yet
kiss	grass	

Have you a little baby brother?  
Can he play with you?  
I have a baby brother, but he is  
not old enough to play with  
me.  
He sits in mamma's lap and sleeps  
in the cradle.  
He plays with my slate and pencil  
and his own playthings.  
He cannot walk. He is a very little  
boy.  
But when he grows up he will  
play with me.  
He will help me work in the gar-  
den.

I will give him my little hoe and  
my rake.

He is not old enough yet to go out  
and work in the garden.

I like to have him put his arms  
around my neck and kiss me.

He is a sweet little baby brother.

He has no name yet, but we call  
him Frank.

Don't you think that is a good  
name?

My name is Charlie. I am a big boy.  
I am six years old, and I can work  
in the field with my papa.

My papa has a horse and carriage,  
and sometimes he lets me ride  
with him.

He keeps the horse and carriage in  
the barn.

I can feed the horse hay and grass.  
He likes to have me feed him  
grass.

**Primer Words, Page 104.**

Arthur Minnie our

**New Words.**together loved far  
more town lived

Arthur and James were very kind  
to their little sister Minnie.

One day they all went into the  
fields to get some flowers.

They played very hard, and Minnie  
got tired.

She told Arthur she was tired, and  
he said he would give her a ride.  
So he and James put their hands  
together and made a chair.

Then Minnie sat in the chair and  
put both arms around their  
necks.

She was not tired any more, and  
the boys carried her home.

Was not that very kind? They loved their little sister.

Minnie loved them too, and they were glad to have her play with them.

Sometimes they took her to ride in the carriage, for they were big boys.

They made the horse go very fast, and rode all around the town.

But they did not ride long, because their papa did not like to have them.

The boys would ride in the morning, and at night they would go again with their papa and mamma.

It was not far to the house where their grandpa lived, but it was over a hill.

When they all went, there were five of them.

**Primer Word, Page 106.**

wouldn't

**New Words.**

winter    children    next

Do you like to ride down hill on a sled?

I think it is great fun.

When there is snow on the ground,  
I take my sled and ride down hill.

Some other boys come and ride with me.

Sometimes we fall off and get hurt,  
but we do not cry.

When the girls ride with us, we are more careful.

Last winter my papa gave me a new sled.

He said it was large enough for three children to ride on.

When we ride down the hill we have to walk up again.

One day I asked my papa to ride with me, and he said he had no time to play with children that day.

But the next day I asked him, and he said, "Thank you; we will all ride together."

So he got on the sled behind, and Fred and I got on too, and we went down the hill so fast that I could not see.

I tell you, that was a good ride.

I would like to have my papa ride with me every day when there is snow on the ground.

Mamma says I get too tired when I ride down hill.

I think I do, because I do not sleep well when I ride down hill.

Mamma says I talk in my sleep.

**Primer Words, Page 108.**

toad    flies    step    hop

**New Words.**corner                    ready  
better                    way

A toad sat on the step and looked down on the ground.

He had large eyes and a large mouth.

He saw a black cat put her head around the corner of the fence.

The cat saw the toad, and the toad saw the cat.

The toad sat still and looked at the cat with his large eyes.

He was ready to hop if the cat came after him.

The cat looked at the toad, but did not come out from behind the fence.

That toad thought he was going to be caught.

He got up on the step to find some crumbs.

When he saw the cat he thought it would be better for him if he could get out of the way.

Just then a boy came up behind the cat, and she ran away.

So the toad was not caught; but he must look out for that cat.

He cannot hop as fast as the cat can run.

The cat is quick, and can catch a toad.

The toad cannot run, but he can hop.

One day I saw a toad in the walk, and I did not hurt him.

I said to him, "Just hop out of the way, old toad, or some one may step on you."

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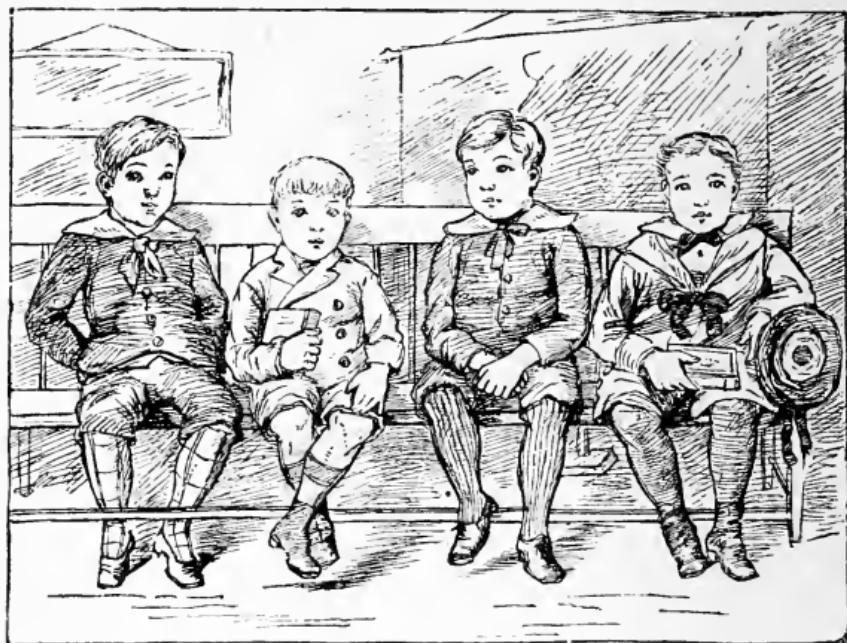


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I SAID, "PEGGY."



vacation (shun) June soon  
four clean these

Look at these four little boys.

They are in school.

One boy has a hat in his hand.  
Two of them have books. How  
clean they look!

See the black-board. I go to school,  
too.

I can read. I can write on my slate.

I can read in my book. I can write on the black-board. It is June now.

We will have a vacation soon.

Boys, will you look as clean in vacation?

I think you will have fun then.

You will play ball. You will ride on your papa's horse. You keep pretty still now.

I don't think you will be as still in vacation.

Let me see you write your name.

*We will have a vacation soon.*

2	from	9	leaves	7
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feet

foot

bare

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brook

See these four boys now. It is vacation.

How funny they look! See their big hats.

See their bare feet. See them eat their apples.

*See them eat their apples.*

John has had his apple. One boy  
is John's brother.

See if you can find him.

See the basket on Fred's foot. Don't  
let it fall, Fred.

What have you in the basket?

I should like to play with you,  
little boys.

We would have some fun. We  
would find a brook and catch  
some fish. We could play in  
the brook with our bare feet.

I should not want the fish to bite  
me.

*See the basket on Fred's foot.*

*Don't let it fall, Fred.*

2	from	10	leaves	8
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pulled off  
stocking  
off  
pulled

See this little boy.

What are you doing, little boy?

Oh, you naughty little boy!

You have pulled off your stocking.  
See your little bare foot.

What are you going to do with  
that stocking?

Don't put it in that pail.

You will get your stocking all wet.

What will your mamma say?



ever

about

grănd-father

knōw

place

from

loved

Did you ever hear of little Nell  
and her grand-father?

Here is a picture of them.

Her grand-father was a poor old man.

He had no home.

Here is a picture of them.

He and Nell went from place to place.

See his basket and cane.

Look at his white hair.

He loved Nell and was good to her.

Nell loved her dear old grandfather.

Poor old man! he doesn't know where to sleep.

When you are big you will read about him.

*See his basket and cane.*

*Look at his white hair.*

1 and 3 are 4



ōver něst shōwed grāsp  
flowers fiēlds eye-brīghts

This little girl's name is Annie.  
She has been to walk with her  
papa.

They went out into the fields.  
She saw a little bird fly up out  
of the grass.

Her papa said, "Come over here,  
Annie."

She ran over to her papa.

He showed her a little bird's nest  
in the grass.

It had four eggs in it.

“Oh, papa, may we come out in  
this field again?

The little birds will be out soon.  
I want to come and feed them.”

Her father said, “Yes, we will come  
out again some day and see the  
baby birds.”

They came to a field of flowers.

“Oh, papa, see these pretty little  
flowers!

Do you know what they are?

I think they are little eye-brights.

I want to get some for mamma.

I will put some in my garden.”

*I want some for mamma.*

*See these pretty little flowers.*

Her papa showed her how to take them up.

She took them home with her.

Did you ever find a field of eye-brights?

You can see some in this picture.

They are pretty little flowers.

They look like little bright eyes.

Annie went to see the bird's nest again.

She found some little birds in it.

They couldn't fly. She saw the old bird feed them.

Did you ever see little birds?

They are not pretty.

2 and 3 are 5

3 and 3 are 6



woods  
looked  
winter  
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other  
cage  
mouth

This little boy's name is Willie.  
He likes to walk with his papa.  
The other day he and his papa  
took a long walk.

They went into the woods.  
They found some pretty flowers.  
They came to a nut-tree.  
Willie picked up some nuts.

Pretty soon he saw a little squirrel.

It ran up into a tree.

It looked at Willie with its bright eyes.

It got some nuts in its mouth.

Then it ran down again.

What do you think it did with the nuts?

I will tell you what I think.

It took them to a hole.

It put them away for the winter.

Did you ever see a squirrel's home?

It is a hole in a tree.

The squirrel lives in the woods.

John has a little squirrel at home.

It lives in a cage.

*It had some nuts in its mouth.*

John got him when he was a baby squirrel.

He took him home. He put him in a cage.

He gave him nuts to eat.

The squirrel likes John. I don't think he wants to go to the woods again.

He wouldn't know the other squirrels.

What do you think they would say to him?

Do you think he would carry nuts to a hole for the winter?

I think he would.

4	and	3	are	7
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childrēn

cärs

afrāid

Boston

three

De look at these three little girls!

What are you doing, Jennie?

Oh, we are playing cars.

We are going to Boston with our  
children.

My little girl was very naughty.  
She wouldn't have her hat on.

I was afraid we wouldn't get the  
cars. She is good now.  
See her sit up in my lap.  
One of our children has gone to  
sleep. It is a long ride to Boston.  
We shall be there soon.  
Then we will run and play house.

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## SOMETHING TO DO.

rīng      tīme      door      wīndōw  
bēll      ōpen      shūt      flower

1. You may open the door.
2. You may ring the bell.
3. You may open the window.
4. You may have a flower.
5. You may get some water.
6. You may tell me what a squirrel can do.

*You may ring the bell.*

7. You may write on your slate.
8. You may shut the window.
9. You may carry this book to Grace.
10. You may tell me what you read about Annie.
11. You may write your name on your slate.
12. You may tell me what time it is.
13. You may tell me what time you come to school.
14. You may shut your book.
15. You may hand your book to me.
16. You may all shut your books.

5 and 3 are 8
6 and 3 are 9

**Primer Words, Page 110.**

vacation	clean
June	soon

**New Words.**

teacher	summer
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There are four boys in the picture.  
They are ready to go home from  
school.

One has his hat and his book in  
his hands.

One little boy has his book, but  
not his hat.

I think they are looking at the  
teacher.

When she says they may go, they  
will get up and go out.

I can see a blackboard in the pic-  
ture.

These little boys look very clean  
because they are in school.

They like to go to school, and they  
like to play in vacation.

They keep still when they are in  
school.

When they play in vacation they  
do not look so clean.

They go to school to learn how to  
read and write.

These boys can write on their slates  
and on the blackboard.

Can you write with a pencil?

You must see these boys when  
vacation comes.

They will not look like this. You  
will not know them.

They will run in the fields and get  
wet, but I think it will not hurt  
them.

It is warm now because it is sum-  
mer.

Well, boys, you are very good boys  
now.

**Primer Words, Page 112.**

foot      bare      brook

**New Words.**

eating      grass      daisies

Now what do you think of these  
boys?

They are not in school now.

Their teacher is not here now.

This is not the picture of a school.

These boys are having a good time  
on the fence.

They have been out in the field  
where there is an apple-tree.

Fred has a basket full of apples.

Three of the boys are eating apples.

Fred holds the basket on his foot.

Oh, what funny boys they are!

They don't look as they did in the  
other picture.

They have no shoes on their feet.

They have big hats on their heads.  
They have no books with them  
now.

They don't think of books and  
school.

They are having fun because it is  
vacation.

It is a warm June day in summer.  
The grass and flowers grow in the  
fields.

I can see some flowers under their  
feet.

They look like daisies. Daisies grow  
in June.

But apples don't grow in June.

They must have got these apples in  
the house.

*They are not in school now.  
They are having fun because  
it is vacation.*

**Primer Word, Page 114.****pulled****New Words.**

held	left	near
plants	alone	which
once	kitchen	used

A little baby boy was once left all alone.

He was about two years old.

After his mamma went away he played with his ball.

Then he went into the kitchen and found a pail of water.

He sat down by the pail and pulled off his stocking.

Then he put his stocking in the pail of water and got it all wet.

The water was clean, but the little boy got it on the floor and on his dress.

His ball lay on the floor by him.  
It was the water which his mamma  
used to water the plants.

She left some in the pail, and the  
little boy found it.

The plants were on the floor near  
the pail.

When his mamma came home she  
found him by the pail, playing  
in the water.

She called him a naughty boy.

He did not cry, but he held up his  
wet stocking for his mamma to  
see it.

Then she put some dry stockings  
on his feet.

*After his mamma went away  
he played with his ball.*

*She left some in the pail, and  
the little boy found it.*

**Primer Words, Page 115.**

ever      grandfather

**New Words.**

miles    wears    tries    ago

Have you a grandfather?

Yes, I have; but I call him grandpa.

He lives five miles from here.

I like to go and see him, because he  
is glad to have me come.

He takes me up in his lap and  
talks to me.

His eyes are very poor, and he  
wears glasses when he tries to  
read.

When he goes to walk with me he  
takes his cane.

But we do not walk very far.

When we want to go very far we  
ride in the carriage.

My grandpa has an old hat. He says he has had it a great many years.

His hair is white, and he is very old. I love him, and he loves me.

He was once a little boy like me, but that was a very long time ago.

His hair was not white then, and he did not wear glasses or carry a cane.

Was he my grandpa then? Am I any boy's grandpa now?

Boys are never grandpas. Only old men are grandpas.

Old men know more than boys. We should love and obey them.

We should help them all we can, and try to please them.

*Have you a grandfather?*

**Primer Words, Page 117.**

showed      eye-brights

**New Words.**

fond      happy      few

Annie and her papa went to walk  
in the fields.

They found a great many pretty  
flowers.

Annie made a bouquet of eye-  
brights.

She is very fond of flowers and  
always makes a bouquet for her  
mamma.

Her mamma says Annie is like the  
flowers.

She is pretty and bright and sweet.  
She lives for others and tries to  
make them happy.

Birds and flowers are always  
happy.

A sweet, pretty girl makes others happy.

In one field Annie's papa found a bird's nest with four eggs in it. He said the little birds would be out in a few days, and Annie could come to the field and feed them.

In a few days she went to the field again and found the little birds, but they were not pretty.

She gave them some crumbs to eat, but they did not know how to eat them.

The old bird put the crumbs right into their mouths.

They open their mouths, and the old bird puts the crumbs in, and then they eat them.

Did you ever see an old bird feed its little ones?

*They found many flowers.*

**Primer Words, Page 120.**

woods      hole      cage

**New Words.**

gray      limbs      jump  
along      another      leaves

Did you ever see a squirrel in the woods?

There are red squirrels and gray squirrels.

Red squirrels are not so large as gray squirrels.

Both kinds are very pretty.

I like to see them run up the trees and run along on the limbs.

They can jump from one limb to another and from one tree to another.

They run very fast and try to keep behind the tree, so that you cannot see them.

I have seen a squirrel get a nut on the ground, and then run up a tree with the nut in his mouth. Then he would sit on a large limb and try to eat the nut.

It is better to let the squirrels stay in the woods than to put them in a cage.

They like to find a hole in a tree and make a home there.

They carry dry grass and leaves into the hole and make a good bed for winter.

They take nuts into their home and eat them in the winter when the snow is on the ground.

Men and boys like to hunt squirrels with a gun.

I should not think it was fun to hunt the poor little squirrels.

*Both kinds are very pretty.*

**Primer Words, Page 123.**

gone      Boston      cars

**New Words.**

wears    doors    bench    shut  
called    question    open

Little girls like to play with their  
dolls.

I know three little girls who play  
together.

They are Jennie and May and  
Minnie.

One day they took their dolls and  
went out doors to play.

They put on their hats and sat on  
a bench, with their dolls in  
their laps.

They were playing cars, and were  
going to take a ride to Boston.

They called the dolls their chil-  
dren.

One little doll was naughty. It  
was Jennie's doll.

She did not want to have her hat  
on.

Did your doll ever take her hat off?  
Why, what a question! A doll can  
not do that.

No; but I play that my doll talks  
and cries.

She can open and shut her eyes.

When she goes to sleep she shuts  
her eyes.

She has real hair, and it will not  
come off.

I sometimes dress her up and let  
her sit in mamma's chair.

Then I play she has come to make  
a call.

I talk to her just as I would to a  
girl.

When I go to bed at night, mamma  
lets me take my doll with me.

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floor

mouse

What are these children doing?

Are you going to school, children?

I think you are. One little girl  
has a basket.

I took my basket to school one  
day.

I had some lunch in it. I put  
the basket on the floor.

Pretty soon I heard a little noise.

I looked at my basket. What do you think I saw? A cunning little mouse.

It looked at me with its bright eyes.

It was trying to get my lunch.

When it saw me look, it ran into a hole.

I didn't want him to eat a hole in the basket.

I told the children to keep very still.

I put some lunch near the mouse's hole. Pretty soon he put up his little head.

He saw me. Down he went again.

Then he put up his head again.

He saw some cake. The children were very still. He went up to the cake.

He took it in his mouth.

Then he ran with it into his hole.

He took all of the cake. Then we  
didn't see him again.

He was a cunning little mouse.

Did you ever see a little mouse?

Have you some lunch in your  
basket, little girl? Don't put  
your basket on the floor.

A little mouse may try to eat  
your lunch.

Let him have some lunch, but do  
not let him eat your basket.

The little boy has a pail. I can-  
not see what the other girl has.

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8	and	3	are	11
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9	and	3	are	12
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pink

Lulu

away

brought

See my new doll, Annie! Mamma  
has been away. She brought  
Lulu a book.

She brought me this pretty doll.  
Will you make her a dress?  
I want her to have a pretty pink  
dress.

Lulu will give her a hat.  
Then I will put her in my doll  
carriage.

I will give her a ride.

I saw my kitten in the doll carriage the other day.

I was going to give her a ride,  
but she ran away.

*Will you make her a dress?*

*Sally will give her a hat.*

3 from 9 leaves 6

3 from 8 leaves 5

3 from 7 leaves 4

3 from 6 leaves 3

3 from 5 leaves 2

3 from 4 leaves 1



grass                    calling                    or  
back                    talk                        shut

Dollie dear, I hear mamma calling me.

I must put you down in the grass,  
and see what she wants.

Now you must be a very good  
dollie.

You may go to sleep or you may  
talk to the pretty flowers.

The birds will sing you to sleep.  
The grass will make a good bed.  
Shut your eyes up. I must put  
on my hat and run to mamma.  
Good-bye dollie, dear. Don't cry.  
I will be back soon.

*I must put on my hat.*

*leaves*      leaves      l ē a v e s

3 from 12 leaves 9

3 from 11 leaves 8

3 from 10 leaves 7



wīng	bēgān	bȳ
sīng	brōken	Good-bȳe
brěad	sūmmer	found

My big brother found a dear little bird.

He found it in the woods.

Its wing was broken.

He brought it home to me.

I put it in a little basket.

I took care of it. I gave it some  
bread to eat.

By and by its little wing got  
well.

It could fly again. It would fly  
to me.

It would sing to me. I loved the  
little bird.

It loved me, too. I did not put it  
in a cage.

I let it fly into a tree.

It made a little nest in the tree.

By and by there were some eggs  
in the nest.

Then some little birds came out  
of the eggs.

I went out to see the little birds.

My bird would look at me.

He was not afraid of me.

He would sing. I gave him bread  
for the little birds. He lived  
in the tree all summer. By  
and by the summer was gone.  
It was time for the birds to fly  
away.

One day my little bird came to  
the house.

He began to sing. I think he was  
trying to say "Good-bye." I  
said, "Good-bye, dear little bird.  
I know winter will come soon.

You must go where it will not  
be cold.

Come again in the summer.

I don't want you to have a broken  
wing, but I do want to see you  
again."

Do you think he will come again?

**Primer Words, Page 124.**

ring      bell      window

**New Words.**

freeze      also

One day in winter a little boy  
looked out of a window and  
saw a little bird.

The bird was on the ground in  
the snow.

It would fly up on the fence, and  
then into an apple-tree, and  
then down on the ground  
again.

It was trying to find something to  
eat.

The little boy felt sorry for the lit-  
tle bird, and began to talk to it.

This is what the little boy said to  
the bird:—

## THE LITTLE BOY'S SPEECH TO THE BIRD.

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"Little bird upon the tree,  
Will you come down here to me?  
I will give you crumbs to eat.  
You will freeze your little feet.

"Where is your mamma to-day?  
Did you come out here to play?  
You are all alone, I see,  
Up in that cold apple-tree.

"Have you any little brother,  
Any sister, or some other  
Little bird whose feet are bare,  
Playing in the snow out there?

"Don't you want to take my mittens?  
They are warm as little kittens.  
You may also take my muff;  
Then you will be warm enough."

The little bird did not know what  
the little boy said, and so he  
went away off to pick up  
crumbs.

That little boy was my brother.  
The little bird was not cold, and  
he did not freeze his little feet.

*window*      *window*      w i n d o w

*feet*      *feet*      f ee t

*cold*      *cold*      c o l d

*take*      *take*      t a k e

**Primer Words, Page 126.**

lunch      cunning      mouse

**New Words.**

across      waiting      heard  
watched      mice      every

In my grandfather's house there is  
a little mouse.

I saw him run across the floor one  
day.

Grandma says he eats up the  
crumbs on the floor.

He is afraid of grandma's cat.

One day the cat tried to catch him,  
but he ran into a little hole in  
one corner of the kitchen.

Then the cat sat on the floor and  
watched that hole a long time.

She was waiting for the mouse to  
come out again.

But the mouse was afraid, and did  
not come out again.

He was afraid he would be caught  
by the old cat.

What do you think the mice are  
for?

I heard a little boy say once they  
were made for the cats to catch.

I think if that were so, they could  
not run so fast.

If that is true, then I think the cats  
are made for the dogs to catch.

My big dog tries to catch our cat  
every day.

But the cat runs up a tree and sits  
on a limb and looks at him.

Then the dog barks at her, but she  
will not come down.

The dog cannot climb a tree.

Squirrels and cats can climb trees.

But squirrels do not catch mice.

They eat nuts in the woods.

**Primer Words, Page 129.**

pink      Lulu      brought

**New Words.**

cities      country      drink  
fresh      cows      city      or

Do you like flowers, Lulu?

Mamma brought me some pretty  
pinks when she came from Bos-  
ton.

She had been to Boston to give  
flowers to children who were  
sick.

There are many poor children in  
the large cities who have no  
mamma.

In the summer they sometimes go  
into the country to live.

They like to live in the country in  
the summer.

They like the flowers and the grass and the birds and the woods.

And they like to drink the fresh milk from the cows.

Some children in the cities never saw a cow.

They do not know where the milk comes from.

And many children in the country never went to Boston or any other large city.

We should be kind to those who have not been where we have been.

We should give them our things to play with, and try to make them happy.

Do you know any poor children who cannot go to school?

*Do you like flowers, Sulu?*

**Primer Words, Page 131.**

back      calling

**New Words.**answer      through  
hedge      room

Annie is a good little girl.  
But one day she was very naughty.  
She was playing out in the garden  
with her dollie.

Her mamma called her, but she did  
not answer.

She hid behind the hedge, and did  
not answer her mamma when  
she called.

Her mamma kept calling and calling,  
but Annie kept still and  
held her dollie.

Then her mamma thought Annie  
had got hurt or lost in the  
woods.

So she put on her hat and went out to look for her.

When she went through the garden she saw Annie behind the hedge with her dollie.

“Why, Annie,” she said, “didn’t you hear me calling you?”

“Yes,” said Annie; “but I didn’t want to come in yet.”

“Well, Annie, you were very naughty not to answer me. You will have to go to your own room and stay.”

“Oh dear, mamma! don’t make me stay in my room alone,” said Annie; “I will not do so again.”

“Yes,” said her mamma; “you were naughty, and you must come in.

I was going to give you a new doll, but I cannot give it to a naughty girl.”

**Primer Words, Page 133.**

wing      sing      bread  
broken      Good-bye

**New Words.**

nearly      speckled      small

A little boy and a little girl were  
playing in the fields.

Their names were John and Minnie.  
They picked two bouquets of flow-  
ers.

John's bouquet was nearly all dai-  
sies.

Minnie's bouquet had daisies and  
lilies in it.

They went across the field to the  
woods.

When they came to the fence by  
the woods, John found a bird's  
nest in the grass.

It had four speckled eggs in it.

They were very pretty eggs and very small.

John did not take the eggs out of the nest.

He called Minnie to him, and they both looked at the pretty little speckled eggs in the nest.

Then they went away, and John said he would not take the eggs out of the nest, because that was naughty.

Minnie said the mother bird would be back soon, and would feel very bad if she did not find her eggs in the nest.

John and Minnie sat on the grass under a large tree and heard the birds sing.

They watched the nest with four speckled eggs in it, and kept waiting for the mother bird to come back.

# STORIES

FOR

## LITTLE READERS.

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### I.

#### NED AND BEPPO.

little                    boy                    you

Ned is a little boy.

Beppo is his big black dog.

If you see Ned, you will see Beppo  
with him.

Ned has fun with his big dog.

Beppo runs at Ned and jumps at  
him.

Then Ned runs at Beppo and jumps  
on his back.

Beppo will not let Ned get hurt.

## II.

## NED AND HIS PETS.

to	play	no
too	ring	the

Ned has no little boys to play with.  
But Ned has pets to play with.  
Ned has a pet hen and a pet cat.  
And Ned has a pet lamb too!  
The lamb has a bell on its neck.  
If the lamb runs, the bell will ring.  
Is not Beppo, the big black dog,  
Ned's pet too?

Yes. Ned will tell you that Beppo  
is his best pet.



Little cat, what can you do?  
I can purr and I can mew,  
I can get a rat for you!

## III.

## LITTLE NED GETS WET.

took      by      mamma      one  
brook      dry      cool      all

One hot day Ned and Beppo went  
up on the hill to play.

Ned ran and ran until he got to  
the top of the hill.

And Beppo ran as fast as Ned did.  
By and by Ned and Beppo got hot.  
A little brook is by the hill.

Beppo ran into the brook to get  
cool.

Then Ned ran into the brook to  
get cool too.

Beppo got his black fur all wet!  
And Ned got his dress all wet too!  
Then Beppo lay in the sun to let  
his fur get dry.

But Ned ran to his mamma. "O mamma, I am all wet! I am as wet as can be!"

Then mamma took his wet dress off.

Ned had to stay in till his dress got dry.

Dogs may run into the brook to get cool, but little boys must not.

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#### IV.

##### NED'S PET HEN.

he	put	chickens
she	for	happy
papa	out	was

Ned had a pet hen.

His papa put hay in a box. This was for a nest for the hen.

Then he put ten eggs in the nest,  
and the hen sat on them.

By and by, tap, tap! crack, crack!  
went the egg-shells.

Out crept ten plump little chickens.

Then the happy hen left the nest.  
She led the little chickens out  
into the grass.

Ned met them.

He was so glad to see all the little  
chickens.

I think he was as happy as the hen.  
He ran to tell his mamma that his  
pet hen had ten little chickens.

“Mamma, will papa let all the lit-  
tle chickens be my pets too?”

“Oh, yes, Ned; I think he will.

“But you must not pet them too  
much. It will fret the hen if  
you do.”

## V.

## THE HEN IN THE COOP.

coop	said	far
call	stay	tired
why	her	under

“Papa, see! My pet hen has ten little chickens!”

“Has she, Ned? Then she must be put in a coop.”

“O papa! Will you shut the little chickens up in a coop too?”

“No,” said papa; “the little chickens may run in and out of the coop. But the hen must stay in it.”

“O papa! She is so happy with her chickens! Why do you not let her stay out with them?”

“I will tell you, Ned. If the hen is not kept shut up, she may run too far off.

“Such little chickens can not run far. When the hen is in the coop, the chickens will stay by it, and will not get tired.”

“Oh, yes, papa! I see it is best for the hen to stay in the coop till the chickens get big.”

“This is her coop. Go in, hen, go in. The little chickens will run in when you call them.”

“Cluck, cluck! cluck, cluck!” said the hen.

“Peep, peep! peep, peep!” said all the little chickens, and ran into the coop.

“Why, papa!” said Ned. “I can not see the little chickens at all.

“The hen has hid them all under  
her wings!”

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## VI.

## HOW NED PLAYS WITH HIS CAT.

hold	puss	says
white	mew	asks

Ned's dog is black, and his hen is  
white, but his cat is black and  
white.

I will tell you the way Ned plays  
with his cat.

He puts milk in a little tin cup.

Then he asks his mamma to hold  
the cat in her lap till he is hid.

When he is hid, he calls the cat.

“Puss, puss! Puss, puss!”

Then mamma lets the cat go, and  
puss jumps out of her lap.

"Mew, mew! mew, mew!" says  
the cat. "Ned has milk for me!  
Ned is hid, but I will hunt him  
out. I will get that milk!"

So the cat runs and hunts for Ned.  
At last she runs to the shed.  
Yes! Ned is in the shed!

"Mew! Mew! I see you!" says  
puss.

Then Ned pats puss and lets her  
drink the milk.

That is the way Ned plays with  
his cat.

Do you not think it must be fun?  
Ned's cat hunts for rats too.

She thinks that is fun.

Do you think it is fun for the rats?

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## VII.

HOW A WHITE LAMB GOT TO BE A  
BLACK LAMB.

how	full	coal
down	wool	lay

One day Ned's little white lamb  
got into the back shed.

A big bin for coal is in the back  
shed.

The bin was not full of coal, but it  
had black coal dust in it.

The lamb went into the bin.

“Ba-a-a!” said he. “How black  
this stuff is! I will smell of it.  
Ba-a-a! No! it is not fit to eat.  
Well—I will just rest a little!”

So the lamb lay down in the coal  
bin.

When he got up, his wool was full  
of black coal dust.

“O mamma! mamma!” said Ned.

“See! My white lamb is black!

“You bad little lamb! How did  
you get so black?”

“Ba-a!” said the lamb.



## VIII.

### HOW THE BLACK LAMB GOT TO BE A WHITE LAMB AGAIN.

again                    saw                    wash

When Ned's mamma saw the lamb,  
she said, “O Ned! we must  
wash him! He must not be so  
black.”

“Shall we put him in the brook  
and wash him?” said one of

the men. "Oh, no!" said Ned's mamma. "Ned and I will wash him. You may get a big tub and fill it for us."

When the tub was full, the men put the lamb in it.

"Now we will wash him, Ned," said mamma. "We will rub him and scrub him till he is a white lamb and not a black one."

"Oh, this is such fun!" said Ned. "I like to wash you, little lamb. How soft his wool is when it is wet, mamma. I am glad my lamb got into the coal bin."

"Ba-a!" was all the little lamb said.

But he did not go into the coal bin again.

## IX.

HOW NED WENT TO SEE THE PIGS.

door	live	barn
floor	squeal	bark
	hole	

One day Ned went to see the pigs.

How do you think he went? I will tell you.

But I must tell you that the pigs live under the barn.

And I must tell you that the barn has a trap door.

A trap door is a door in the floor.

One day this trap door in Ned's barn was not shut.

Ned was at play with Beppo. Beppo ran into the barn. Then Ned ran into the barn.

He did not see that the trap door was not shut. He ran on and on, till—pop! into the hole he went! Down, down fell Ned till he got into the pig-pen under the barn.

The pen was full of pigs,—big pigs and little pigs.

When Ned fell in, all the pigs ran to one end of the pen. How the big pigs did grunt! How the little pigs did squeal! How Beppo did bark and bark!

That is the way Ned went to see the pigs. It was not much fun for Ned, or for the pigs.



“Little bee, what can you do?”

“I can buzz and hum—can you?  
And I can make honey too!”

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## NED GETS OUT OF THE PIG-PEN.

A man was in the barn-yard.

"Hark!" said he, "why does Bep-po bark so? Why do the pigs squeal and grunt? I must run in the barn and see."

When he went into the barn, he saw Beppo at the trap door.

"What is it, Beppo?" said the man.

“Bow-wow!” said Beppo, “bow-wow!”

The man went to the trap door by Beppo, and then he saw Ned down in the pig-pen.

Ned was glad to see the man.

“Why, Ned!” said the man, “how did you get in the pig-pen?”

“I fell in,” said Ned, “and I cannot get out.”

“I will help you,” said the man.

So he went down the steps at the end of the barn and got Ned out of the pen.



## XI.

### NED TELLS MAMMA.

want                    brave                    time

Ned was not hurt, and he had not hurt the pigs.

He ran to tell his mamma how he fell into the pig-pen.

“Did you cry, Ned, when you fell?” said mamma.

“No,” said Ned; “I did not cry at all.”

“I am glad,” said mamma. “I want my boy to be a brave boy.

“And now I must put you in a tub and rub you and scrub you as we did the lamb. The next time you run in the barn, you must see if the trap door is shut.”

“Yes,” said Ned; “I will not go to see the pigs that way again if I can help it.”

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My old cat,  
Big and fat,  
Gave the little dog a pat.  
Little Tray  
Ran away,  
But he did not stay a day!

## XII.

## THE CATERPILLARS.

caterpillars    flowers    leaves  
something    pretty    know

One day in May, Ned's mamma said to him, "I want you to get me something to-day, Ned."

"I know what you want," said Ned. "You want some pretty flowers."

"No," said mamma; "it is not flowers."

"Then it is eggs," said Ned. "You want me to hunt for eggs in the barn."

"No," said mamma again; "it is not eggs that I want."

"Then I cannot tell," said Ned.

“What do you want me to get, mamma?”

“I want some caterpillars,” said mamma.

“Caterpillars!” said Ned. “How funny! But I can get you all the caterpillars you want. I see them in the grass and on the rocks and on the trees.”

So Ned went to the elm-tree, and got six caterpillars.

His mamma put them in a box. Then she put a bit of net on the top of the box.

“Now the air can get in, and the caterpillars can not get out,” said she.

“Yes,” said Ned; “that is the best way to fix it.”

Ned fed the caterpillars with fresh leaves from the elm-tree.  
It was such fun to see them eat!  
A caterpillar will eat and eat, till he gets so fat that his skin splits down the back and drops off!  
Is not that funny?

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## XIII.

## WHAT WENT INTO NED'S JAR.

jar	looked	long
Mr.	cocoon	sleep

One day Ned went to see his caterpillars.

“Why, mamma! What do you think? One caterpillar has run away! See! he is not in the

box. And see this little lump! We did not put this in the box. What is it?"

When mamma looked in the box, she said: "No, Ned; the caterpillar has not run away. He is in that little lump, as you call it."

"Is he, mamma? I can not see him."

"No; but he is in it. It is his cocoon. He has spun it for his bed or nest. Now he will stay in it and sleep."

"Will he sleep long in his cocoon?"

"You shall see how long he sleeps. Put the cocoon in this glass jar. Now put the net on the top of the jar, as you did on the box. Now we will let him sleep in his cocoon as long as he will."

“But we will not let you out of the jar, Mr. Caterpillar! We want to see what you will do next!”

The next time Ned looked in the box, all the caterpillars had spun cocoons.

Then he put all the cocoons in the glass jar.

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## XIV.

### WHAT CAME OUT OF THE JAR.

#### Part I.

used	only	come
new	flies	where
grew	they	about

Ned did not forget his caterpillars, but they slept a long time.

“When will my caterpillars come out?” he used to say.

At last when Ned looked in his jar one day, he saw something new.

“O you pretty thing!” said Ned.

“Where did you come from? Did mamma put you in the jar?”

No; mamma had not put it in.

“But look in your jar, Ned, and see if you cannot find where it came from.”

So Ned looked again in his jar.

“Why, mamma!” said he; “one cocoon has a hole in it! And it is empty! Where is the caterpillar? He is not in his cocoon.”

“I will tell you, Ned,” said mamma. “The pretty little white

thing that flies about in the jar came out of that cocoon."

"Why, mamma! how can that be?

The caterpillar spun the cocoon and went to sleep in it."

"Yes, Ned; but the caterpillar only made his cocoon to stay in till he had his new dress. This little moth is your caterpillar in a new dress."

"Where did he get his wings?"

"The wings grew when he was in the cocoon."

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## XV.

### WHAT CAME OUT OF THE JAR.

#### Part II.

toe like butterfly perhaps  
goes boot change flew

“I think this moth looks like a little butterfly.”

“Yes, he does; but he is not just like a butterfly. Some caterpillars change to moths, and some to butterflies.”

“Mamma, may I keep this moth? He is so pretty!”

“Oh, no! he wants to be free. He will not be happy if you keep him. You must let him go out, so that he can get what he wants to eat.”

How Ned did wish to keep the pretty little white moth! But just then his mamma said: “See, Ned! There goes a moth just like this one! Perhaps your moth will fly about and play with him.”

So Ned took the net off the top of the jar. The moth flew up and out; then he flew back to Ned and lit on the toe of his boot.

“Why, Ned!” said mamma, “I think he has come back to say ‘Thank you, little boy. I am glad you let me out.’

“I think he wants to say ‘Good by, Ned.’ Oh, there he goes!”

And as the moth flew far away, Ned felt glad he had not kept him shut up in the jar.

The rest of the moths soon came out of the cocoons, and Ned let them all fly away.

After that when he saw any little white moths, he would say,—

“Perhaps you are one of the moths that came out of my jar!”

## XVI.

## NED'S BED-TIME SONG.

night	Baby	drowsy
quiet	creep	breast
while	field	shadows

When Ned was a very little boy,  
his mamma used to sing to him  
every night when she put him  
to bed.

This is the song that Ned used to  
like best of all. He used to call  
it the “bed-time song” : —

## I.

Sleep, my baby, while I sing  
Bed-time news of everything.  
Chickens run to mother hen;  
Piggy curls up in the pen.  
In the field, all tired with play,

Quiet now the lambkins stay.  
Kittens cuddle in a heap—  
Baby, too, must go to sleep!

## II.

Sleep, my baby, while I sing  
Bed-time news of everything.  
Now the cows from pasture come;  
Bees fly home with drowsy hum.  
Little birds are in the nest,  
Under mother-bird's soft breast.  
Over all soft shadows creep—  
Baby now must go to sleep.

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Ned's mamma used to sing this  
song over and over, till he was  
fast asleep.

He is not such a very little boy  
now, but he still likes to have

his mamma sing the bed-time song to him every night.

Good by, Ned!



## XVII.

### A RAINY-DAY PLAY.

rain garden books pipes  
find always more soapsuds

“Rain, rain! go away!” said Anna; but the rain kept on. The sun was not to be seen, and the sky was dull and gray.

“I think it will rain all day to-day,” said Anna’s big sister Bell; “but I am glad of it, for papa says the garden is very dry.”

“Yes,” said Anna; “I know it is good for the garden. The flowers and trees will like it, but I do not.

“I cannot have as much fun when it rains. We cannot go out of doors to play, and I get tired of my books and dolls.”

“Well,” said Bell, who was a kind big sister, “I have a plan. If you will go and play with baby and keep him happy till I call you, I will help you find some fun.”

“Oh, will you, Bell? That will be grand! You always think of such good plays.”

So Anna went to play with the baby.

By and by Bell came for Anna

and said, "Now we will go to the play-room, and I think we will have fun."

"What have you got for us to play with, Bell?" said Anna.

"Soapsuds and pipes!" said Bell.

"How do you like that?"

"Oh, that is the very best kind of fun!" said Anna.

That night Anna said she was glad it had been a wet day, for she had had more fun than if she had been out of doors at play.

The next time it rains, perhaps you can make soap-bubbles as Bell and Anna did.

Perhaps, too, you will try to be like Bell.

If you do try, you may make a rainy day happy for some one.

## XVIII.

## A BIRD'S WORK.

grown busy enough teach  
alone surely worms their

“Little bird, what can you do?”

“I can sing a song for you.

I can fly, and fly, and fly

Far up in the sunny sky.

But the work that I like best,

Is to make a little nest!

“Then some pretty eggs to lay,

And sit on them night and day,

Till my baby birds come out.

Then all day I fly about,

Busy getting worms, you see,

For my hungry family.

“When my baby birds have grown  
Strong enough to fly alone,  
I must teach the little things  
How to use their pretty wings.  
And I’ll surely teach them, too,  
How to sing a song for you.”

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WHO SPEAKS? (A Riddle.)

I have a round and shining face;  
I’m always standing in one place;  
And yet the people often say  
I go from east to west each day.

Besides, I have a little friend  
To whom much gold I often send.  
And so that she may see at night,  
A silver lamp for her I light.

My friend and me you know so  
well,  
I hope our names you’ll quickly  
tell!

XIX.

## ELLEN AND THE BIRDS.

love true small before  
any tried scare could  
another

“I wish I had a little bird!” said Ellen. “I have a cage to put it in, and I love little birds so much.”

“I will tell you how to get one,” said a big boy. “If you drop a little salt on any bird’s tail, you can catch him.”

“Are you sure that is true?” said Ellen.

“Try it and see,” said the big boy. So one day Ellen got a small tin box and put some salt in it, and went out to catch a bird.

She went on tiptoe and was very still so as not to scare the birds.

“There is a pretty one; I will get him,” said Ellen. But when she went near to put the salt on his tail, away he flew!

Again and again she tried, but the bird always flew away before she could drop the salt on his tail.

“He is too quick,” said Ellen; “I will try another bird.”

So she tried another bird, and another, and another. But it was just the same. They all flew away just before she got near enough to drop the salt on their tails.

So Ellen has no bird in her cage yet.

What do you think of the big boy's  
plan?

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## XX.

## LITTLE GARDENS.

grow	goodness	fair
room	weeds	blow
fairest	hearts	

Little gardens may have room  
For the fairest flowers that blow,  
If the plants are tended well,  
And no weed is left to grow.

So in all our hearts may be  
Little gardens, sweet and fair,  
If we check the weeds of sin,  
And keep goodness growing there.

## XXI.

## A VISIT TO THE MILL.

farmer	enough	stairs
built	thanked	trough
very	heavy	through

Patty and Tom went to the mill  
with Mr. Gray, the farmer.

The mill was built of wood.

It was very small and very old,  
and looked like a hut; but when  
you came near enough, you  
would know by the noise that  
it was a mill, and a very busy  
one too.

Down stairs the water was dash-  
ing and splashing upon the big  
wheel.

Up stairs the big mill-stones were spinning round, oh, so fast!

The miller took the children all over the mill.

He showed them the hoppers where the corn or grain is put.

“I am just going to grind some corn,” said the miller; “and you may see just how it is done.”

He then put some corn into the hopper.

The children saw that the corn fell from the hopper down through a hole in the top mill-stone.

“Now it gets between the stones,” said the miller.

“And the stones are so heavy, and going round so fast, that the corn is soon ground to fine meal.”

Then he took the children down stairs again.

“Here comes the meal,” said he.

“See,—out of this wooden spout.”

Yes; there was the meal falling into a large wooden trough.

Then the miller got a little bag and let Patty hold it under the spout till it was full of the fine, yellow meal.

“There!” said he; “you may take that home and make a johnny cake, if you like.”

Just then Mr. Gray came and said it was time to go home. So the children thanked the miller, and said good by to him.

Tom drove part of the way home; but Patty held the bag of meal with great care.

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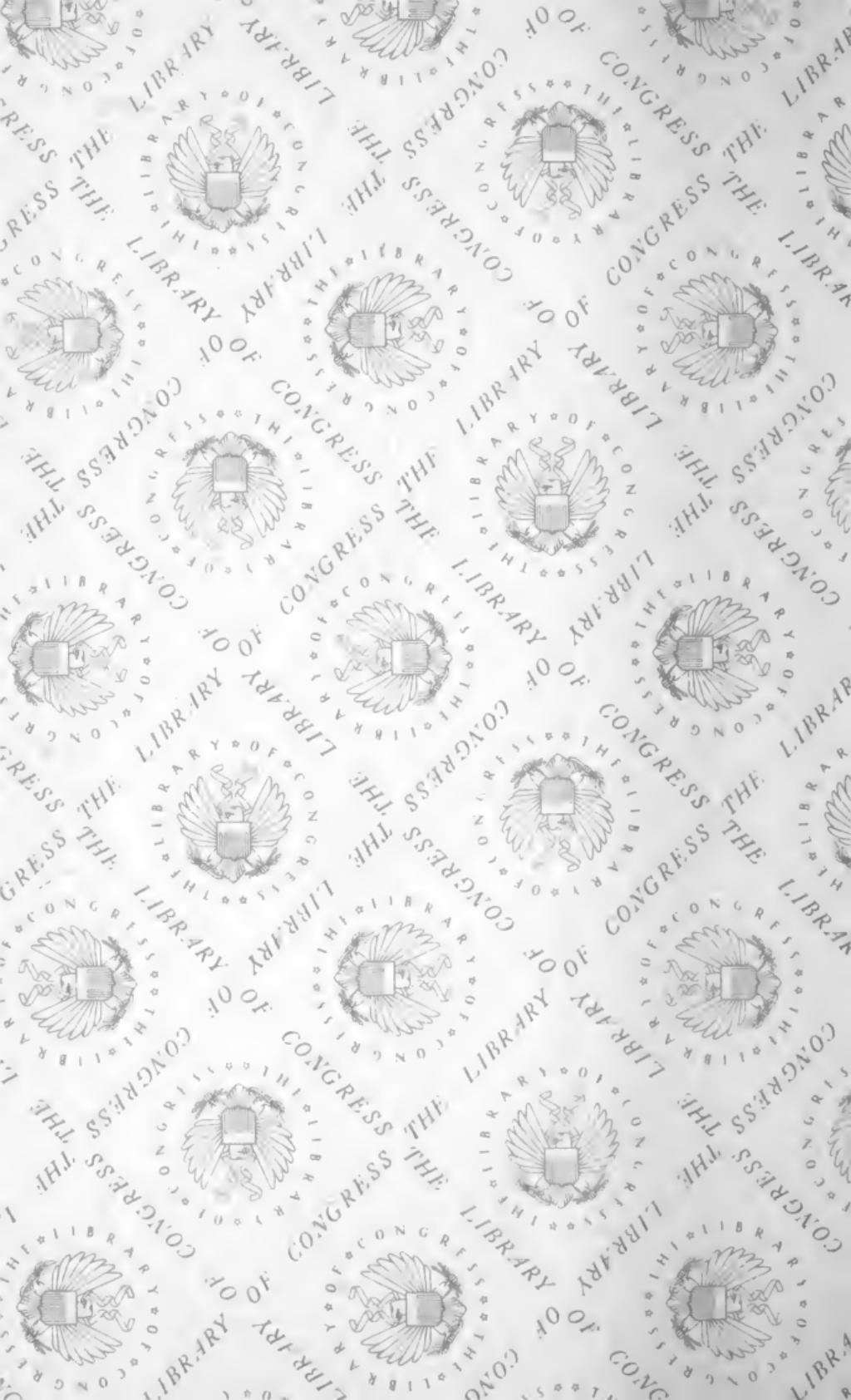


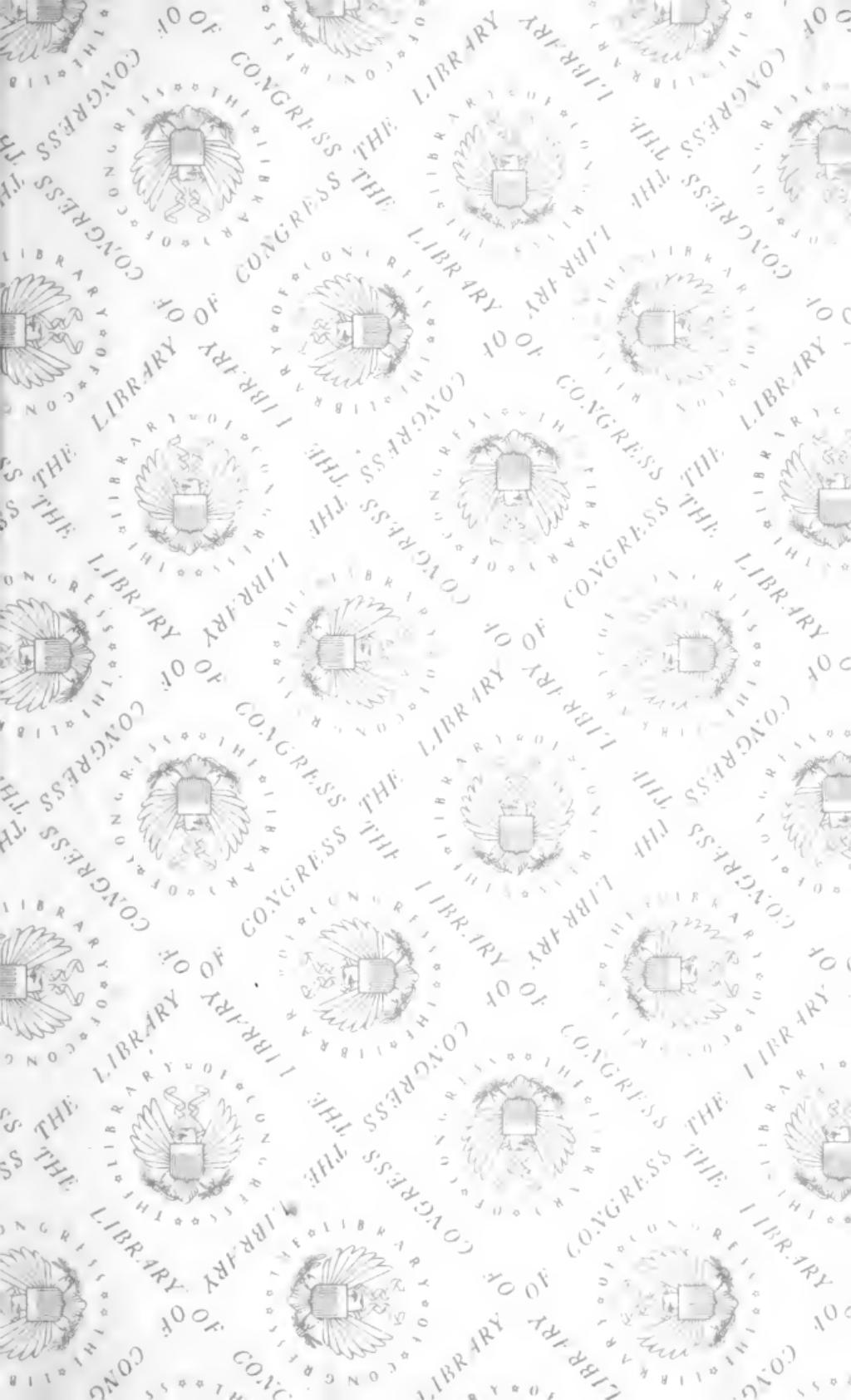












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